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A musical guide to your wedding!

(everything you need all in one place....)



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Order of Wedding Service

To help with your planning we list below a basic structure of a church-based Wedding Service. For civil ceremonies, the structure would be different and you will be guided by the registrar. Whilst most of the different parts listed below have to be contained within the service at some point, the order itself is usually quite flexible.

- Entry Music for the Bride
- Opening Hymn (- generally a hymn of 'praise')
- Reading(s)
- Sermon
- The Marriage
- Second Hymn (- generally 'Psalm' based, or a 'Marriage' Hymn)
- The Prayers
- Final Hymn (- generally a hymn of 'dedication' or 'praise')
- The Blessing
- Signing of the Registers
- Departure Music

Music & Choir

Kit Perona-Wright, Artistic Director of The Serlo Consort, is most willing to give you all the specialized help and advice that you wish. Whilst having a choir may seem to be an 'added expense', it serves a very important role when taking part in a Wedding service. The choir gives a strong lead in all the congregational parts of the service - both said and sung, it can sing music for both the blessing and the signing of the registers, and having a robed choir, if you wish, (robes can be organized for the choir) will add to the visual side of the service too. In these ways, having a choir can greatly enhance the musical and visual aspect of your service. The Serlo Consort is one of the country's finest professional choirs, and it has members all around the UK. You won't find a better choir anywhere!

Vocal Soloists

For both civil ceremonies and church services where the venue is quite small and intimate, even a vocal quartet or octet (let alone a larger choir) isn't the appropriate musical choice, but a first-class soloist can still provide you with some magical music for the service - enough to bring a tear to the eye! Either male or female, there is a substantial repertoire to choose from.

The Organ

Assuming that you require an organist for your wedding in church, this can easily be arranged for you. We only use some of the countries leading organists (i.e. - Cathedral organists, London Church organists, etc) for our events - so you can be assured of the highest quality.

Other instruments (trumpet, piano, harp, strings)

Adding a trumpet to a wedding (church or civil) can often be a magical and wonderful experience. They can play alongside the organ for the entrance or exit (very helpful if the church organ is not of a good standard!), play solos or join with the choir for an anthem. Also, for civil ceremonies where an organ is not an option, many couples choose to have a pianist, harpist or string quartet to provide some beautiful, serene music. Any of these instruments can help add that special 'touch' to a civil, ceremony. A real 'touch of class'!

Printing the Order of Service

We suggest that you first discuss your musical preferences with the Artistic Director before printing your order of service. You can then be given all the appropriate words for the hymns, and the correct titles for the other musical items.

Musical Suggestions

We hope the following suggestions for your wedding service may be of some help. These are simply popular items that are often requested. However, if you don't see an item that you would particularly like - then anything should be possible (within reason!), so please just enquire with the Artistic Director, Kit Perona-Wright. We are always willing to make special arrangements of pieces to add to our repertoire! Please ask for a demo CD of extracts of any of the following suggestions to help with your music choices (organ pieces, hymns, anthems, secular repertoire, etc).

Organ Music – for church services

Suitable for the entry of the bride or the exit of the wedding couple

- Charpentier Prelude (from *Te Deum*)
- Clarke Trumpet Voluntary (*The Prince of Denmark's March*)
- Handel Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (from *Solomon*)
- Handel Coro (from *Water Music*)
- Handel Hornpipe (from *Water Music*)
- Handel March (from *Scipio*)
- Handel Minuet (from *Royal Fireworks*)
- Mendelssohn Wedding March (from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*)
- Purcell Trumpet Tune
- Stanley Trumpet Voluntary (from *Op. 6, No. 5*)
- Verdi Grand March (from *Aida*)
- Wagner Bridal Chorus (from *Lohengrin*)

Larger Works suitable only for exit of wedding couple

- J.S. Bach Fantasia in G
- J.S. Bach Prelude and Fugue in Eb ('St. Anne')
- J.S. Bach Toccata and Fugue in Dm
- Guilmant Grand Choeur in D, Op. 18
- Lang Tuba Tune in D, Op. 15
- Lefebure-Wely Sortie in Eb
- Mendelssohn Sonata No. 3 in A (1st Movement)
- Praetorius Ballet des Matelotz
- Vierne Final (from *Symphony No. 1 in D*)
- Wagner Overture: *Die Meistersinger*
- Walton Crown Imperial
- Widor Toccata (*Final*) in F (from *Symphonie No. 5*)

Quieter pieces suitable during arrival of guests or signing of the registers

- J.S. Bach Air (from *Suite No. 3 in D*)
- J.S. Bach Jesu, Joy of man's desiring
- J.S. Bach Sheep may safely graze
- Boellmann Priere a Notre-Dame (from *Suite Gothique*)
- Handel Air (from *Water Music*)
- Handel Largo (from *Serse*)

- Haydn St. Anthony Chorale
- Pachelbel Canon
- Parry Prelude on 'Melcombe'
- Vaughan Williams Prelude on 'Greensleeves'
- Vaughan Williams Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'
- Warlock Andante (from *Capriol Suite*)

Hymns – church services

Although you may choose hymns in any order, it is usual for the first to be a hymn of praise and the last to be a hymn of dedication. If you would like a psalm (for which a choir is needed) 15, 23, 45, 67, 121, 122, 127 and 128 are particularly appropriate, or if you would like a hymn-paraphrase of a psalm - this would usually replace the second hymn.

- Amazing Grace
- Father, Lord of all creation
- Fill thou my life, O Lord my God
- Give my Joy in my Heart
- Great is thy faithfulness
- There is a Redeemer
- Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!
- All things Bright and Beautiful
- At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow
- Come Down, O Love Divine
- Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
- For the Beauty of the Earth
- God of Mercy, God of Grace
- Guide me, O thou Great Redeemer
- Immortal, invisible, God only wise
- King of Glory, King of Peace
- Lead us heavenly Father, lead us
- Lord of all hopefulness
- Lord of the Dance (I danced in the Morning)
- Love divine, all loves excelling
- Morning has Broken
- Now Thank we all our God
- O Jesus, I have promised
- O Praise ye the Lord
- O thou who camest from above
- O Worship the King all glorious above
- Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven
- Praise the Lord, ye Heavens adore him
- Praise to the lord, the almighty, the King
- The King of Love my Shepherd is (Psalm 23)
- The Lord's my Shepherd ('Crimond') (Psalm 23)
- Through all the Changing scenes of Life
- Ye Holy Angels Bright

Choral items – church service

- Anon Rejoice in the Lord
- Archer Grow in Grace
- Archer Prayer of St. Richard
- Aston Beloved, Let us Love
- Attwood Come, Holy Ghost
- J.S. Bach Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
- J.S. Bach/Gounod Ave Maria
- Bairstow Though I Speak with the Tongues
- Carter God be in My Head
- Chilcott Irish Blessing
- Durufle Ubi Caritas
- Evans (arr. How) Be Still for the Presence of the Lord (arrangement of worship song)
- Faure Cantique de Jean Racine
- Franck Panis Angelicus
- Gibbons O clap your hands together
- Goodall Love Divine
- Goodall The Lord's my Shepherd ('Vicar of Dibley' theme)
- Hadley My Beloved Spake
- Handel Hallelujah Chorus
- Handel Let the bright seraphim
- Handel Zadok the Priest
- Harris Come Down, O Love Divine
- Haydn The heavens are telling (from 'The Creation')
- Hurford Litany to the Holy Spirit
- Ireland Greater Love
- Jacob Brother James's Air (a setting of Psalm 23)
- Lloyd View me Lord
- Lloyd Webber Pie Jesu
- Lole The Fathers Love
- Mozart Ave Verum
- Mozart Laudate Dominum
- Parry Dear Lord and Father (arrangement of hymn)
- Parry I was Glad
- Parsons Ave Maria
- Poston Jesus Christ the Apple Tree
- Purcell Rejoice in the Lord always
- Purcell Thy word is a Lantern
- Rutter A Gaelic Blessing
- Rutter The Lord bless you and keep you
- Stainer How Beautiful upon the Mountains
- Tallis If ye love me
- Temple Prayer of St. Francis (arrangement of 'Make me a Channel of your peace')
- Vivaldi Gloria (1st movement)
- Walton Set me as a Seal
- Wesley S.S. Blessed be the God and Father
- Whitacre This marriage

After the Blessing

- (Hymn) O perfect Love (first and last verses) 320
- Perona-Wright God be in my Head
- Rutter God be in my Head
- Stainer Sevenfold Amen
- Various Amen(s)
- Walford Davies God be in my Head

Choral items – civil ceremony

- And so it goes (Billy Joel)
- Angels (Robbie Williams)
- Chapel of love (from Four Weddings & a Funeral)
- Fields of gold (Eva Cassidy)
- Fly me to the moon (arr. Burton)
- I'm goin' up a yonder (Trad)
- Love changes everything (Lloyd Webber)
- She moved through the fair (Trad)
- Shenandoah (Trad)
- The Blue Bird (Stanford)
- The water of tyne (Trad)
- Wonderful tonight (Eric Clapton)
- You are the new day (Chilcott)

Vocal solo items – church service

- Bach/Gounod Ave Maria
- Hurford Litany to the Holy Spirit
- Lloyd Webber Pie Jesu
- Rutter A Gaelic Blessing
- Schubert Ave Maria
- Vivaldi Domine Deus (from 'Gloria')

Vocal solo items – civil ceremony

- Bart Where is love? (Oliver)
- Bernstein One hand, one heart (Westside story)
- Bernstein Somewhere (Westside story)
- Handel Eternal source of light divine
- Handel Lascia ch'io pianga (Rinaldo)
- Handel Ombra mai fu (Xerxes)
- Handel Where e're you walk
- Mozart Voi che sapete (Marriage of Figaro)

Reception music

We can arrange music for your reception, there is so much to choose from. Any of the musicians that have played for your ceremony would be suitable (and cost effective) to carry on performing background music for the reception afterwards – small vocal 'close harmony' group, string quartet, pianist, harpist, jazz guitarist, jazz band and more. We regularly arrange for these types of musician to perform at wedding ceremonies and receptions – and the clients are always so appreciative of that extra 'something special' that the music adds to the whole day (not just the wedding ceremony itself).

Prices

The cost of the musicians for your wedding ceremony or reception will depend on many factors - number of performers, type of instrument, amount of time, location/travel, special musical requests, etc. For a more exact quote, please contact the Artistic Director, Kit Perona-Wright, who will be very happy to talk through your requirements and needs, and to give you specialist advice.

The following prices are just a guide for the time taken to perform at a ceremony, are an 'entry level fee' (i.e. - prices from....) and assume minimal travel costs. The time needed to perform at a reception is inevitably much greater, and would increase the fee: -

- Organist - from £150
- Choir (4 singers) - from £400
- Choir (8 singers) - from £600
- Trumpet - from £150
- Harpist - from £200
- Guitarist - from £150
- String quartet - from £500

