

Processional

Options: "Canon in D" — Johann Pachelbel

Opening hymn

Options: #670 "Hear Us Now, Our God and Father"
#672 "When Love is Found"
#673 "Wherever You Go"
#668 "Where Love is Found"
#543 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Responsorial Psalm

Options: A choice from the Together for Life book
#794 or #795 "The Lord is Kind"
#760 or #762 "Taste and See"

Alleluia

Recessional

Options: One of the hymns listed:
"Trumpet Voluntary" — Jeremiah Clarke
"Trumpet Tune" — Henry Prucell
"Allegro Maestoso" — George Frideric Handel
"Ode to Joy" — Ludwig van Beethoven
"Wedding March" — Felix Mendelssohn

Other hymn options:

#411 "Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring"
#671 "May God Bless You"
#674 "Where There is Love"
#582 "They'll Know We Are Christians"
#385 "City of God"
#617 "We Are Called"
#402 "Lord of All Hopefulness"
#467 "The King of Love"
#483 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"
#497 "We Have Been Told"
#473 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
#461 "Eye Has Not Seen"
#193 "Holy God We Praise Thy Name"
#546 "Glory and Praise to Our God"
#539 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
#535 "O God Beyond All Praising"
#196 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Frequently Asked Questions

(from Diocese of New Ulm website)

Why does a Catholic wedding have to take place in a church?

For Catholics, marriage is not just a social or family event, but a Church event. For this reason, the Church prefers that marriages between Catholics, or between Catholics and other Christians, be celebrated in the parish church of one of the spouses. Only the local bishop can permit a marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.

Why should a wedding between two Catholics usually be a Mass?

A wedding between two Catholics should usually be a Mass because the Sacrament of Matrimony reflects the endless love between Christ and his bride, the Church. In the Eucharist, Christ gives himself body, blood, soul, and divinity to his bride; we become "one flesh" with him every time we receive his Body in Holy Communion! This is why St. John Paul II called the Eucharist "the Sacrament of the bridegroom and the bride" (*Mulieris Dignitatem* n. 26).

Can favorite songs be sung or played, even if they do not have Christian words?

Only sacred music, that is, music with sacred words and a sacred sound, may be used in the liturgy. Popular songs should not be used, even "Christian pop," which does not have the qualities of sacred music.

It is difficult for us to imagine how unfathomably beautiful is the love between Christ and his Church which is imaged in human marriage. Rather than using secular love songs in a sacred ceremony which celebrates this great mystery, we should use sacred songs which express the deepest reality of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Save your favorite secular or Christian pop songs for the reception!

Wedding without Mass music options

