

Planning your music selections

In the following categories, you'll note that tunes are often placed in more than one category, as they are equally suitable for both. On my **WEDDINGS** page is a link to an **Audio Samples** page where you can listen to the tunes below that are preceded by 🎵.

Or you may contact me for a complimentary demo CD of the sample tunes.

Prelude music

The prelude precedes the official ceremony, beginning about half an hour before the wedding start time. It sets a tone of quiet elegance and expectation. You may have specific music choices, or I will be happy to select appropriate repertoire, choosing from the following or other similar music.

Candle lighting ceremony

Arioso (Bach)

- 🎵 Ave Maria (Arcadelt)
- 🎵 Ave Maria (Bach/Gounod)
- 🎵 Ave Maria (Schubert)
- 🎵 Calm as the Night (Bohm)
- 🎵 Canon in D (Pachelbel)

Gymnopedie (Satie)

In This Very Room (Harris)

- 🎵 Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)
- Largo, from the Lute Concerto (Vivaldi)
- My Love is like a Red, Red Rose (Scottish)
- Prayer (Sager/Foster)
- Prelude in C (Bach)
- 🎵 Sheep May Safely Graze (Bach)
- 🎵 Spirit (Loucks)

The Lord's Prayer (Malotte)

Tonight I Celebrate my Love for You (Masser/Goffin)

Seating of parents/grandparents

- 🎵 A Time for Us (love theme from Romeo and Juliet)
- 🎵 Be Thou My Vision (traditional)
- 🎵 Children of the Heavenly Father (traditional)
- Gentle Shepherd (Gaither)
- 🎵 I Was There to Hear your Borne Cry (Ylvisaker)
- 🎵 Lauda (traditional Italian)
- 🎵 Promises (Loucks)
- Shepherd Medley (King of Love my Shepherd Is, My Shepherd Will Supply My Need)
- 🎵 Simple Gifts (Shaker, traditional)
- 🎵 The Gift of Love (traditional)
- 🎵 To a Wild Rose (McDowell)

Processional

(a stately, elegant march; attendants and bride may process to different tunes)

- 🎵 Canon in D (Pachelbel)
- 🎵 Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin (Wagner)
- Celtic Processional (traditional)
- 🎵 Dance of the Blessed Spirits (Gluck)
- Fanfare (Loucks)
- Finale from Royal Fireworks (Handel)
- 🎵 Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)
- 🎵 Largo (Handel)
- 🎵 Ode to Joy (Beethoven)
- 🎵 Rondeau (Mouret)
- 🎵 Royal Dream (traditional)
- St. Anthony Chorale (Haydn)
- 🎵 Spagnoletta (Praetorius)
- Spring, from the Four Seasons (Vivaldi)
- 🎵 The Rejoicing (Handel)
- 🎵 Trumpet Tune (Purcell)
- 🎵 Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)

Unity candle/hand fasting/sand ceremony

(usually a fairly short tune, a gentle blessing)

- ♪ Be Thou My Vision (traditional)
- ♪ Children of the Heavenly Father (traditional)
- ♪ Contemplation (Loucks)
- ♪ Dona Nobis Pacem
- From this Moment On (Lange/Twain)
- Gentle Shepherd (Gaither)
- ♪ Give me Your Hand (O'Carolan)
- In His Time (Ball)
- ♪ O Perfect Love (Barnby)
- ♪ One Hand, One Heart (Bernstein)
- Prayer (Sager/Foster)
- Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (Bradbury)
- Searching for Lambs (traditional)
- Walk Hand in Hand with Me (Cowell)
- ♪ Wedding Prayer (Dunlap)
- Where're You Walk (Handel)

Recessional

(a stately and celebratory tune)

- ♪ Celebration (Loucks)
- Celtic Recessional (O'Carolan)
- Fanfare (Loucks)
- ♪ Ode to Joy (Beethoven)
- ♪ Psalm XIX (Marcello)
- ♪ Rondeau (Mouret)
- Spring, from the Four Seasons (Vivaldi)
- ♪ The Rejoicing (Handel)
- ♪ Trumpet Tune (Purcell)
- ♪ Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)
- ♪ Wedding March (Mendelssohn)

Reception music

Lighter music – a variety of popular, Broadway, romantic standards and folk music are in order for this time. Requests can be made, or I can choose appropriate repertoire.