

Music Ideas

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Wedding ceremony music tends to be softer, usually classical wedding music, country, jazz or ballads. There should be about five songs played as a Prelude when the guests are seated, then a special song when the mothers of the Bride and Groom are seated.

There are sometimes two songs during the Processional, one when the Bridesmaids enter, and the most dramatic as the Bride walks up the aisle. Sometimes it is only one song.

The most joyous music is played in the Recessional, when the Bride and Groom leave together.

There can be special songs at different points in the ceremony, such as after exchanging the rings and vows, or lighting the Unity Candle. It's best to have some action taking place during music.

Prelude

Air from Orchestral Suite No 3 On the G String – Johann Sebastian Bach – (1685-1750)

Air from Water Music – George Friedrich Handel - (1685-1759)

Andante (Trumpet Voluntary) – John Stanley (1712-1786)

Arioso from Cantata No 156 – Johann Sebastian Bach – (1685-1750)

Ave Maria – Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Bubbly - Colbie Caillat (1985-)

Clair de Lune – Claude Debussy – (1862–1918)

Come Away With Me - Norah Jones (1979-)

Falling in Love - The O'Neil Brothers

It Had To Be You – Gus Kahn (1886-1941)

Largo from the Double Concerto - Johann Sebastian Bach – (1685-1750)

The Little Things - Colbie Caillat (1985-)

Nice and Easy – Alan and Marilyn Bergman

Panis Angelicus – Cesar Franck – (1822-1890)

Simple Gifts – Elder Joseph Bracket – (1797-1882) – Aaron Copeland (1900-1990)

Somewhere Over the Rainbow - Harold Arlen (1905-1986) Lyrics E. Y. Harburg (1896-1981)

String Quartet in F Major, Op 3 No. 5 – Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

The Wedding Song - Kenny G - Kenneth Bruce Gorelick (1956-)

You Were Made for Me – Jewel (1974-)

Processional

Andante (Trumpet Voluntary) – John Stanley (1712-1786)
Bist Du Bei Mir - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Brandenburg Concerto - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Bridal Chorus – Lohengrin – “Here Comes the Bride” - Richard Wagner (1813-1883)
Cantata No. 208 – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Cannon in D – Johann Pachelbel – (1653-1706)
Gigue from Suite No. 3 in D Major - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Hornpipe from Water Music – George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759)
Hymne – Vangelis (1943-)
Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
The Marriage of Figaro – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Minuet in G – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
O Mio Babbino Caro from Gianni Schicchi - Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924)
Overture from Pulcinella Suite – Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971)
Passacaille - George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759)
Prelude in C - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750
The Prince of Denmark’s March – Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)
Rigaudon – Andre Campra (1660-1744)
Romance – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Sleepers, Awake – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Trumpet Voluntary in D Major – Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)
Wigwam - Bob Dylan

Unity Candle

Ave Maria – Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
Follow Me – John Denver
From This Moment – Shania Twain – Bryan White
Keeper of the Stars – Tracy Byrd
Second London Trio – Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
I Do Cherish You – 98°
The Flower Duet - Delibes
O Mio Babbino Caro from Gianni Schicchi - Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924)

Recessional

Allegro Maestoso in D Major (Water Music) – George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759)
Bless the Broken Road - Hanna, Boyd, and Hummon
Bourree – George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759)
Carolan's Melody – Turlough O'Carolan (1670-1738)
Four Seasons – Autumn – Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
Great Day – N. Gustavson.
Hornpipe from *Water Music* – George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759)
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – Ludwig Van Beethoven – (1770-1827)
La Rejouissance - George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759)
Ode To Joy - Ludwig Van Beethoven – (1770-1827)
Spring from the Four Seasons – Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
Trumpet Tune and Ayre - Purcell
Water Music - George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759)
Wedding March – A Midsummer Night's Dream - Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Wedding March from Le Nozze di Figaro - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Promenade - Modest Moussorgsky (1839-1881)

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso from the Water Music - George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759)
Allegro from Sonata in G Major – Telemann
Brandenburg Concerto #2 -Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Fanfare (Allegro Non Troppo) in D Major – Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)
Flute Concerto - Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736)
Rondeau – Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

Further Selections

Everything I Do – Bryan Adams
Songbird – Fleetwood Mac
So This is Love – Cinderella – David, Hoffman and Livingston
Today – Randy Sparks

Music Web Sites

<http://www.weddingromance.com/songs>

<http://www.musiclib.virginia.edu>

www.MUSICclassical.com

www.rhapsody.com