



# **St. James Chapel**

# WEDDING MUSIC POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

## WEDDING MUSIC POLICIES

St. James Chapel organists, cantors, and musicians are used for all weddings at St. James Chapel. The Chapel organist assigned to your wedding will contract not only the cantor but also any additional musicians for your wedding liturgy.

Guest musicians (singers) must submit an audio recording at least one month in advance of the wedding date for approval. Links to online recordings are accepted. If approved, the guest musician can perform one selection approved by the Chapel organist.

The Responsorial Psalm is sung by a Cathedral cantor for all weddings, not spoken. The Responsorial Psalm is selected from *Together for Life* section C or on pages 3–5 in this attachment.

The Chapel organist assigned to your wedding will approve all selections for your wedding

**Music selections must be finalized no later than one month prior to your wedding date.**

## WEDDING MASSES

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Processional	Choose <b>two (2)</b> selections: <b>One (1)</b> for bridal party, <b>one (1)</b> for bride (instrumental) <b>Note:</b> For wedding with sponsors (Filipino or other customs) it may be useful to have another processional before the bridal party begins.
Responsorial Psalm	Choose verse from <i>Together for Life</i> section C or on pages 3–5 in this attachment

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Gospel Acclamation	Choose verse from <i>Together for Life</i> section E or on page 6 in this attachment
Unity Candle	Choose <b>one (1)</b> selection (if applicable)
Preparation of the Gifts	Choose <b>one (1)</b> selection (instrumental)
Communion	Choose <b>one (1)</b> selection (vocal)
Marian Devotion	Choose <b>one (1)</b> selection (if applicable)
Recessional	Choose <b>one (1)</b> selection (instrumental)

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## WEDDING CEREMONIES

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Processional	Choose <b>two (2)</b> selections: <b>One (1)</b> for bridal party, <b>one (1)</b> for bride (instrumental)
Responsorial Psalm	Choose verse from <i>Together for Life</i> section C or on pages 3–5 in this attachment
Gospel Acclamation	Choose verse from <i>Together for Life</i> section E or on page 6 in this attachment
Unity Candle	Choose <b>one (1)</b> selection (if applicable)
Marian Devotion	Choose <b>one (1)</b> selection (if applicable)
Recessional	Choose <b>one (1)</b> selection (instrumental)

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[Click here](#) to send us your music selections for your wedding at St. James Chapel.

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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## **C–1 The Goodness of the Lord**

Psalm 33: 12 and 18, 20–21, 22 (803-1)

**The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

**Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.  
But see, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness.**

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

**Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield,  
For in him our hearts rejoice;  
in his holy name we trust.**

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

**May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our  
hope in you.**

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

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## **C–2 Bless the Lord**

Psalm 34: 2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9 (803–2)

**I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Or: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Or: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.**

I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Or: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name.  
I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all  
my fears.**

I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Or: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.**

I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Or: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
Taste and see how good the LORD is;  
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.**

I will bless the Lord at all times  
Or: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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## **C–3 The Lord is Kind**

Psalm 103: 1–2, 8 and 13, 17–18a (803–3)

**The Lord is kind and merciful.  
Or: The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.**

The Lord is kind and merciful.  
Or: The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.**

The Lord is kind and merciful.  
Or: The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

**Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.**

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Or: The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

**But the kindness of the LORD is from eternity to eternity toward  
those who fear him,  
And his justice towards children's children among those who keep  
his covenant.**

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Or: The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

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#### **C-4 Blessed Is the Man**

Psalm 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7b-8, 9 (803-4)

**Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.  
Or: Alleluia.**

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Or: Alleluia.

**Blessed the man who fears the LORD,  
who greatly delights in his commands.  
His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth;  
the upright generation shall be blessed.**

Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.  
Or: Alleluia.

**Wealth and riches shall be in his house;  
his generosity shall endure forever.  
Light shines through the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious and merciful and just.**

Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.  
Or: Alleluia.

**Well for the man who is gracious and lends,  
who conducts his affairs with justice;  
He shall never be moved;  
The just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.  
An evil report he shall not fear.**

Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.

Or: Alleluia.

His heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.  
His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear  
Till he looks down upon his foes.

Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.

Or: Alleluia.

Lavishly he gives to the poor;  
His generosity shall endure forever;  
His horn shall be exalted in glory.

Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.

Or: Alleluia.

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#### **C-5 Blessed Are Those Who Fear the Lord**

Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5 (803-5)

**Blessed are those who fear the Lord.  
Or: See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD,  
Who walk in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
Blessed shall you be, and favored.

**Blessed are those who fear the Lord.  
Or: See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
In the recesses of your home;  
Your children like olive plants around your table.

**Blessed are those who fear the Lord.  
Or: See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.  
The LORD bless you from Zion;  
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
All the days of your life.

**Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

**Or: See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.**

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## **C–6 The Lord is Compassionate**

Psalm 145: 8–9, 10–11, 13–14

**The Lord is compassionate to all His creatures.**

The lord is kind and full of compassion,  
Slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
Compassionate to all his creatures.

**The Lord is compassionate to all His creatures.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
And your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
And declare your might, O God.

**The Lord is compassionate to all His creatures.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
And loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall  
And raises all who are bowed down.

**The Lord is compassionate to all His creatures.**

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## **C–7 Praise the Lord**

Psalm 148: 1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–13a, 13c–14a (803–7)

**Praise the Lord from the Heavens, Alleluia.**

Praise the Lord from the heavens,  
Praise him in the heights;  
Praise him, all you his angels,  
Praise him, all you his hosts.

**Praise the Lord from the Heavens, Alleluia.**

Praise him, sun and moon;  
Praise him, all you shining stars.  
Praise him, you highest heavens,  
And you waters above the heavens.

**Praise the Lord from the Heavens, Alleluia.**

You mountains and all you hills,  
You fruit trees and all you cedars;  
You wild beasts and all tame animals,  
You creeping things and winged fowl.

**Praise the Lord from the Heavens, Alleluia.**

Let the kings of the earth and all peoples,  
The princes and all the judges of the earth,  
Young men too, and maidens,  
Old men and boys,  
Praise the name of the Lord,  
For his name alone is exalted.

**Praise the Lord from the Heavens, Alleluia.**

His majesty is above earth and heaven,  
And he has lifted his horn above the people.

**Praise the Lord from the Heavens, Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION VERSES

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### **E-1 (OCM 56)**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
He who made both heaven and earth. R.**

Or, during Lent:

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### **E-2 1 John 4:8b, 11**

R. (Psalm 81:2) Sing joyfully to God our strength.

**God is love.**

**Let us love one another, as God has loved us. R.**

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### **E-3 1 John 4:7b (804-1)**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Everyone who loves is begotten of God and knows God. R.**

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### **E-4 1 John 4:8b, 11 (804-2)**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**God is love.**

**Let us love one another, as God has loved us. R.**

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### **E-5 1 John 4:12 (804-3)**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**If we love one another,**

**God remains in us**

**and his love is brought to perfection in us. R.**

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### **E-6 1 John 4:16 (804-4)**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Whoever remains in love,**

**remains in God and God in him. R.**

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