



## *Music for your ceremony.*

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### **Prelude Music for a Marriage Ceremony**

The prelude is the segment of a marriage ceremony that provides a suspense to the upcoming event.

As the guests arrive, and last minute decorations, positions, roles and lines are finalised, music is played surreptitiously in the background. Since the music is played before the bride (and her bridal party) arrives at the ceremony, the music chosen for the Prelude should be both suspenseful, subtle, and welcoming.

- Prelude Music
- Air from Water Music (George Frederic Handel)
- Air on the G String (Bach)
- All the way (Frank Sinatra w/ Celine Dion)
- Allegro from Brandenburg Concerto (Bach)
- Always (Atlantic Starr)
- Arioso (Bach)
- Brandenburg Concerto no.2 (Bach)Breathless (Kenny G)
- Destiny (Jim Brickman)
- Everything I Do (I Do it for You) (Bryan Adams)
- Gift of Love (Bette Midler)
- Goodnight, Sweetheart (David Kersh)
- He Is (Brandy)
- Hero (Enrique Iglesias)
- I Deserve It (Madonna)
- I Do (Cherish You)
- If (Bread)
- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)
- Love of My Life (Jim Brickman)
- My Heart Will Go On (Celine Dion - Titanic Soundtrack)
- Sheep May Safely Graze (Bach)
- The One (Elton John)
- The Rose (Bette Midler)
- The Wedding Song (Kenny G)
- Then He Kissed Me (The Crystals)
- This Very Moment (Kci & JoJo)
- Tonight, I Celebrate My Love (Peabo Bryson/Roberta Flack)
- We've Only Just Begun (The Carpenters)
- With this ring (Sawyer Brown)
- You and I (Stevie Wonder)
- Your Love Amazes Me (John Berry)



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## Processional Music for a Wedding Ceremony

The processional is the segment of a marriage ceremony just after the bride and her bridal party arrive at the ceremony, and begin their 'walk down the aisle'.

As the guests stand to welcome the bride to her marriage ceremony, grand music should be played to signify the event. Often music in this section is performed 'live', however it also may be provided on CD, SD, USB or iPod. Below is a list of music ideas for the bridal party processional:

- Adagio from Mozart's Grand Partita Serenade in Bb (Mozart)
- Adagio in A Minor (Bach)
- Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (Handel)
- Beautiful Soul (Jesse McCartney)
- Bridal Chorus, from Lohengrin (Wagner)
- Canon in D (Pachelbel)
- Carillion (Murril)
- Carolan's Draught (Turlough O'Carolan)
- Coronation March (Walton)
- Crazy Love (Van Morrison)
- Crown Imperial (Walton)
- Every Time I Look at You (Il Divo)
- Exactly Like You (Nina Simone)
- Fanfare for the Common Man (Aaron Copeland)
- Fantasia in G (Bach)
- Friendship Theme from the movie Beaches
- Grace (Telemann)
- Have I told you Lately (Rod Stewart / Van Morrison)
- Largo, (Ombra mai fu) from Serse (Handel)
- Maid Marion from Robin Hood
- Majesty (Telemann)
- March from Scipio (Handel)
- Music for the Royal Fireworks (Handel)
- Orb & Sceptre (Walton)
- Pomp and Circumstance (Elgar)
- Sinfonia from Wedding Cantata (Bach)
- Te Deum - Opening Fanfare only, March and Rondeau (Charpentier)
- The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (Handel)
- Theme from Love Story
- Toccata and Fugue in D Minor (Bach)
- Trumpet Tune and Air (Purcell)
- Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)
- Unforgettable (Nat King Cole)
- Waltz in A Flat (Brahms)
- Wedding March from A Midsummer Night's Dream (Mendelssohn)
- Wedding March from The Marriage of Figaro (Mozart)
- Wedding March from The Sound of Music



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## **Music for Signing the Marriage Register**

The music during this segment should be similar to the prelude, but be more conciliatory, since it represents union, hope and a new beginning.

Once again, you can choose to have the music in this section performed either 'live', or on digital media. Below are some musical ideas for the signing of the marriage register:

- A Love Until the End of Time (Placido Domingo / Maureen McGovern)
- A Kiss to Build a Dream On (Louis Armstrong)
- Air from Orchestral Suite 3 in D major (Bach)
- All I Ask of You (Sarah Brightman / Michael Crawford)
- All I want is you (U2)
- Annie's Song John Denver
- Ave Maria (Schubert / Pavarotti)
- Be My Love (Carreras)
- Beautiful in My Eyes (Van Morrison)
- Beautiful Day (U2)
- Because you're Mine (Nat King Cole)
- Can You Feel The Love Tonight (Elton John)
- Can't Help Falling In Love (Elvis Presley)
- Crazy for You (Madonna)
- Darling, Je Vous Aime Beaucoup (Nat King Cole)
- Endless Love (Diana Ross and Lionel Richie)
- Everything I do (Bryan Adams)
- First time ever I saw your face (Roberta Flack)
- For You (John Denver)
- Hornpipe in D, from Water Music (Handel)
- I do it for you (1927)
- I will (Lennon & McCartney)
- If There's Anything That You Want (Beatles)
- In your eyes (Peter Gabriel)
- It has to be you (Harry Connick Jnr)
- Love me Tender (Elvis Presley)
- Magnolia (John Marvin)
- Marry Me (Neil Diamond)
- Moon River - Breakfast at Tiffanys Theme
- One Hand, One Heart (Sondheim / Kiri Te Kanawa)
- Panis Angelicus (Pavarotti)
- Power of Love (Celine Dion)
- Signed, Sealed, Delivered (Stevie Wonder)
- Sweet Sue, Just You George Metaxa Toccata (Widor)
- These Words (Natasha Bedingfield)
- Trumpet Voluntary and Air (Purcell)
- What a wonderful world (Various)
- You are so Beautiful (Joe Cocker)



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## **Recessional Music for a Wedding Ceremony**

This is the segment of a marriage ceremony when the bride and groom depart the ceremony as husband and wife. Traditionally, they will walk down the aisle, saying goodbye to their beloved guests.

The music during the processional should be grand and triumphant, and set the scene for both the rest of the celebrant, and the future of the bride and groom.

Below are some musical ideas for the processional:

- Allegro - Water Music suite (Handel)
- Amazing (Alex Lloyd)
- Another One Bites the Dust (Queen)
- Beautiful Day (U2)
- Can you feel it? (Jackson Five)
- Come away with me (Norah Jones)
- Diamonds on the Inside (Ben Harper)
- Double Violin Concerto in D Minor (Bach)
- From This Moment On (Shania Twain)
- Grand March from Aida (Verdi)
- Grande Choeur Dialogue (Gigout)
- Groovy Kind of Love (Phil Collins)
- Happy Together (The Turtles)
- Here Comes the Sun (Beatles)
- Le Rondeau - Masterpiece Theatre theme (Mouret)
- Love and Marriage (Frank Sinatra)
- Love is in the Air (John Paul Young)
- Love Me Do (Beatles)
- Marche Heroique (Brewer)
- Morgan Megan (Turlough O'Carolan)
- Perhaps Love Placido (Domingo / John Denver)
- Prelude and Fugue in A (Bach)
- Processional (Mathias)
- Rejoicing (Telemann)
- Signed Sealed Delivered (Stevie Wonder)
- Sonata in A major first movement (Mendelssohn)
- Still the One (Orleans)
- The Ride of the Valkyrie (Wagner)
- Toccata from Symphony No.5 (Widor)
- Toccata in B Minor, Gigout
- Transports de Joie, (No.3 from L'Ascension), Messiaen
- Triumphal (Homage) March (Opus 53, No. 3), Grieg [br]
- Trumpet Concerto in D Major (Telemann)
- Trumpet Voluntary (Stanley)
- Wedding March (Mendelssohn)



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## **Finale Music for a Wedding Ceremony**

After the bride and groom have said thank-you to all their beloved guests, they will usually stay at the ceremony briefly for photos to be taken.

This segment (immediately following the recessional) is known as the finale. The music played should be subtle background style music, with a triumphant nuance.

As the guests mingle in readiness for the reception, and the bride and groom have their final photos taken at the ceremony, the music played during the finale will signify hope, union and a new beginning.

**The following is a selection of ceremonial symbols, designed to articulate and underpin the bond between two people during a marriage ceremony.**

### **Popular Rituals**

- A Wishing Box
- Butterfly Releases
- Candle Lighting Ceremony
- Dove Release
- Hand Ceremony
- Handfasting Ceremony
- Ring Ceremony
- Rose Ceremony
- Sand Ceremony
- Seashell Ceremony
- United Hands Forever
- Warming of the Rings
- Wishing Stones Ceremony

### **Interesting - Quirky Rituals**

- The DIY Ritual
- Gold Fish Ceremony
- Honey & Lemon Ceremony
- Polaroid Camera Ritual
- Wine Ceremony

## **Readings**

Readings are a fantastic way to involve both family members and guests in your ceremony. At some point during the planning of your ceremony, you may need to consider who will performing a reading, when they will perform it, and exactly what they will read.



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