

# **Wedding Ceremony Music Suggestions**

## **Prelude Music**

### **(While Guests Are Getting Seated)**

(These songs are played in shuffle)

Adagio (Strings) – Mozart  
Poco Adagio (Strings) – Amadeus Quartett  
Air From The Water – Edward Carroll  
Claire de Lune (Piano) – Claude Debussy  
Courante from The Three Lute Dances - Francisque  
Gymnopedie No. 1 (Piano) – Erik Satie  
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Piano & Strings) – Bach  
Love Theme from 'Romeo & Juliet' (Instrumental) - Rota  
Nocturne (in E-Flat, Op. 9 No. 2) (Piano) – Chopin  
Sheep May Safely Graze - Bach

## **Popular Wedding Prelude Music**

(Played during the time the family, wedding party, and the bride walk down the aisle.)

- "Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin" (Richard Wagner) (also known as "Here Comes the Bride")
- "Canon in D" (Johann Pachelbel) (also known as "Pachelbel's Canon" and frequently misspelled as "Pachabel's Canon")
- "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (Johann Sebastian Bach)
- "A Midsummer Night's Dream, incidental music, Op. 61 Wedding March" (Felix Mendelssohn) Primarily Used For Processionals.

## **Contemporary Songs For Wedding Prelude Music**

- A Thousand Years – Christina Perri
- A Thousand Years – Piano Guys
- Bless The Broken Road – Rascal Flatts
- Forever – Chris Brown
- Somewhere Over The Rainbow - Israel Kamakawiwo'ole
- Walking On Sunshine – Katrina & The Waves
- Whatever It Is – Zac Brown Band

## **Other Traditional Wedding Ceremony Music**

- "The Prince of Denmark's March" (Trumpet Voluntary in D major) (Jeremiah Clarke)
- Serenade from Op. 3, No. 5 (Strings) - Gosman
- Wedding March - Wagner
- Prelude from Te Deum – Wynton Marsalis
- Trumpet Voluntary – Clarke
- Air from Water Music - Hendel
- Piano Concerto No. 21 in C major - Mozart
- Wedding March From Lohengrin - Wagner

## **Recessional Music**

(Music played as the new husband and wife walk up the aisle together.)

- "A Midsummer Night's Dream, incidental music, Op. 61 Wedding March" (Felix Mendelssohn) Primarily Used For Processionals
- Ode To Joy from Symphony No. 9 – Anthony Newman
- Hallelujah Chorus (from "The Messiah") - Canadian Brass

## **Contemporary Songs For Recessional Music**

- At Last - Etta James
- Beautiful Day - U2
- Best Day Of My Life – American Authors
- Can't help falling in love - Elvis Presley
- Come Away With Me - Norah Jones
- Everlasting Love – Carl Carlton
- Forever – Chris Brown
- Happy – Pharrel Williams
- How Sweet It Is - James Taylor
- I'm Yours – Jason Mraz
- I Got You (I Feel Good) - James Brown
- I Got You Babe - Sonny and Cher
- In My Life – Beatles
- One Love – Bob Marley
- Rhythm of Love – Plain White T's
- Somewhere Over The Rainbow - Israel Kamakawiwo'ole
- Unforgettable - Nat King Cole and Natalie Cole
- Walking On Sunshine – Katrina & The Waves
- What A Wonderful World - Louis Armstrong
- When I'm Sixty-Four -The Beatles
- You Are The Best Thing – Ray LaMontagne
- Say Hey (I Love You) – Michael Franti & Spearhead