



Music Minister, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, a progressive, creative congregation in San Francisco, seeks a part time (~10 hours/week) Music Minister to lead our choir and support the music ministry of the congregation.

Role and Responsibilities

- Provides keyboard accompaniment and leads music for all services with music at St. Aidan's. In addition to the 10am Sunday Eucharist, the Music Minister will lead music for Holy Week/Christmas services as well as occasional special services (e.g. weddings or funerals).
- Organizes and leads an hour-long choir rehearsal at 9 AM on Sundays for the 10am service; a 90 minute rehearsal once per month (time TBD); additional rehearsals when needed to support holy days, etc.
- Collaborates with clergy for selection of weekly hymns to support the service
- Coordinates with parish administrator for provision of music materials to the choir for weekly service, and conveys hymns and video links early in the week to allow practice at home
- Drawing on a variety of resources, selects anthems for the choir to sing during Sunday worship (approximately once a month), as well as for Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday
- Hires substitute musicians for any worship she/he/they will not be present for, and organizes guest musicians for special services (e.g. Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday)
- Draws from, maintains, and enhances the St Aidan's library of choral music
- Coordinates the maintenance and tuning of church instruments, including piano, organ, marimba, handbells and their accessories
- Fosters and maintains connections with church members and diocesan colleagues

Qualifications

- ideally a Church musician, familiar with the Episcopal Church, or at least has a sense of respect for sacred ritual and understands the organization and flow of a worship service
- committed to inclusive and expansive language
- skilled piano accompanist with an understanding of a variety of musical styles and the ability to play (or learn to play) the organ (baroque style - no pedals)

- an experienced choir director who can develop and nurture the choir, supporting them as song-leaders; who knows specifically how to teach musical pieces; and is passionate about nurturing the musical gifts of others, drawing the best from both skilled and unskilled singers
- has an engaging, team-oriented spirit, welcoming collaboration with other instrumentalists and encouraging the development of new musicians
- able to draw from a variety of sources in the selection of music for worship services, aligned with the church year, the specific readings for a given week, and the creative spirit of St. Aidan's
- has a quality of playfulness, or at least is open to and supportive of that in the congregation, and nurtures a sense of joy, fun, and love of music
- good singing voice preferred but not required

Compensation starts at \$18,500 annually, dependent on experience. To apply, please attach a cover letter and resume to the Music Minister Search Committee c/o the Reverend Cameron Partridge, St. Aidan's Rector, at rector@staidansf.org. Cameron can also be reached at 415-285-9540 x2.