

**St. John's Episcopal Church
Oakland, CA
Minister of Music Job Description**

The Minister of Music is responsible for all musical components of St. John's liturgy. He/she is expected to play the organ and/or piano at all regularly scheduled services (7:45 Early Service, 9:00 Family Service, and 10:45 Choral Eucharist); to recruit, rehearse and conduct volunteer adult and youth choirs in the performance of service music; to oversee the music performed at parish weddings, funerals or other special services; and fulfill other musical responsibilities requested by the Rector.

Position Detail: Service Music. Working in close cooperation with the rector and other clergy of the parish, the Minister of Music is responsible for:

- Selecting appropriate hymns, anthems and other music for Sunday services each week
- Hiring professional musicians for Christmas, Easter, and other special services
- Ensuring that service music is consistent with the theme of the scripture readings, the sermon and the overall tone of the services

Hours per week: 20-25

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Skills and Experience:

- Ability to lead adult and children's choirs, play organ and piano for all services, and supervise all aspects of music for church services
- Ability to work collaboratively with St. John's staff and lay leaders
- Proficiency in playing the piano and organ, including sight-reading
- Understanding of sacred music and its use within liturgy and worship required
- Choral conducting experience required; instrumental conducting experience preferred
- Experience working with children required
- Knowledge of Anglican liturgy and worship preferred
- Previous experience as a church music director preferred

St. John's Episcopal Church is a warm and welcoming congregation – a multigenerational community that strives to serve Christ through invitation, inclusion, faith and action. We are a medium-sized church with a membership of about 250 families. The church community has a strong commitment and participation in its music program. Most Sundays we have three services: a contemplative 7:45 AM service, a service designed for the whole family at 9 AM, and a choral service at 10:45 AM. If you would like to learn more about us please check us out online at www.stjohnsoakland.org

Please submit a cover letter, resume, a recent video recording of choral conducting, and an audio or video recording of organ and piano excerpts, to:

St. John's Episcopal Church
The Reverend Scott Denman, Rector
1707 Gouldin Road
Oakland, CA 94611

Electronic applications are invited with links to video / audio via e-mail at: stjmusic2014@gmail.com

Candidate review will begin in November 2013.