

Seeking Music Director (Organist/Choir Director)

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Location:

St. John the Divine Episcopal Church

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Position to be filled on or after June 1, 2014

Position Description:

Seeking an innovative music director to serve as organist/choir director for Episcopal Church in Costa Mesa, CA. This individual will be encouraged to fuse traditional Episcopal hymns and texts with contemporary music, using and directing a variety of instruments. The ideal candidate is Christian, is able and willing to work with a variety of volunteer instrumentalists and singers, can adapt music to accommodate the abilities of these volunteers and has forward thinking ideas for the use of music within the Episcopal liturgy.

- Education: BA in Music preferred; BA candidates are welcome.
- 8 hours per week, including practice time.
- 10 am Sunday worship service
- 1 choir rehearsal per week at a mutually agreed upon time
- Additional services for approximately 7 Holy Days per year
- Rogers MDS-25 two manual digital organ; Young Chang baby grand piano; 2 octaves Suzuki hand chimes – 2 octaves
- Play the organ and piano at an advanced level in a manner that leads and encourages congregational hymn singing.
- Responsible for selecting music for worship services, including liturgical music, subject to approval by the rector. Responsible for obtaining reprint permission from licensing entities such as OneLicense.net. Review draft of weekly bulletin.
- Direct a vocal choir of 3 or more parts. Assemble and direct small ensembles of a variety of instruments. This may involve arranging music. Review, select and purchase music for choir and other ensembles within the budget of the parish.
- Write a short article for the Newsletter on a monthly basis.
- Be responsible for arranging for a substitute musician to cover absences or vacation.
- Be responsible for maintenance of instruments owned by the church.
- Provide and/or coordinate music for weddings and funerals.

Compensation:

To be determined based on experience and education. \$9,000 -12,500 per year.