

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, Altadena

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church seeks a part-time organist for a vibrant, music-loving parish. Our church owns a Karl Wilhelm tracker action pipe organ with 2 manuals and 25 ranks. The church has both an adult and children's volunteer choir and has also included handbells in conjunction with the choirs and independently. Providing quality and diverse music within worship has always been a priority; we embrace a variety of musical styles reflected in both the choirs' anthems and the 3 hymnals we regularly use for congregational singing: *The Hymnal 1982*; *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*; and *Wonder, Love and Praise*. In addition to our adult and children's choirs, Saint Mark's congregation is also home to several talented instrumentalists and composers whose gifts enhance our worship.

Organist Position Description

Reporting to the Rector, and with the direct supervision of the Music Director, the organist has a leadership role in nourishing and enhancing an existing music program that is inviting and accessible to the parish community.

Responsibilities

- Choosing and playing liturgically appropriate music for preludes, interludes and postludes during worship;
- Leading congregational hymns and sung parts of the liturgy;
- Accompanying the adult choir and choristers;
- Assisting in Thursday evening choir rehearsals and pre-service warm-ups as required, dates to be arranged with the Music Director.

This position includes:

- 48 Sundays, 10:30 AM service, plus 4 Sundays off with pay;
- One Thanksgiving Day service;
- "Blue Christmas" service, two Christmas Eve services, one Christmas Day service, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil (Saturday evening)
- Two services on Easter Day (9 AM and 11 AM)

When there is a need for the services of the organist at other times (weddings, funerals, special services, etc.), mutually-agreed compensation for those occasions will be determined in advance subject to approval by the Rector.

Salary commensurate with experience and skills, comparable to other area Episcopal churches of similar size and budget.

Qualifications

- Proficiency with pipe organ
- Proficiency with piano/electronic keyboard
- Excellent hymn playing, accompanying and sight-reading skills

- Fluency in a variety of musical styles including traditional liturgical music and hymns, gospel hymns and anthems, contemporary, Taize-style, etc.
- Ability to work well and collaboratively with Music Director, Choir, Clergy and Staff
- Appreciation of the role music plays in support of the worship and spiritual development of the congregation
- Bachelor of Music (or its equivalent) required; MM or DMA preferred.

Please submit resumes and the names and contact information of at least 3 references to: stmarksorganistsearch@gmail.com by July 31st.

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A member of the Saint Mark's Organist Search Committee will be in touch with applicants in early August. Anticipated start date: September 7, 2014.