

Director of Music
All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
Santa Barbara, CA

All Saints-by-the-Sea is seeking a full time Music Director (32 hours a week) versatile in both contemporary and traditional sacred music.

Music Program Description

The cornerstone of our weekend worship is our fine choir of both volunteer and paid singers who give us expert leadership. All Saints presents a broad base of both classical and vernacular repertoire. On Sunday one is likely to hear everything from Mozart Mass parts to the Spirituals of Moses Hogan, the polyphony of Gregorian chant, Anglican Chant, metrical psalter and the simple, repetitive prayer music of the Taizé community.

Each Wednesday evening we gather to pray and sing the ancient Office of Vespers at our Eventide Service. The service intentionally merges the ancient symbols and language of our worshiping heritage with music and liturgical expressions that are distinctly contextual to our 21st century culture. The style of music has included jazz, folk, hymnody, blues, etc., and has been primarily based on guitar and keyboard leadership.

All Saints-by-the-Sea has an emerging liturgical ministry with children. We look forward to growing our music ministry with this demographic of our congregation.

Position Summary

Under the supervision of the Rector, the Music Director is responsible for creating and overseeing a high quality music program. The Music Director leads the All Saints congregation at the weekend services of Holy Eucharist, the Wednesday Eventide service, as well as feast days during the year. The ideal candidate will be a skilled musician on both organ and piano; an excellent choral conductor with strong interpersonal skills, able to help people form into strong, healthy teams and community; a detail oriented team member; familiar and comfortable with the breadth of Episcopal style and tradition of worship; and will have a sense of musical adventure and creativity.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Plans, organizes, executes and evaluates the total worship and music ministries at All Saints
- Works collaboratively with the Rector and church staff to develop seasonal liturgies
- Directs the Choir of professionals and volunteers, including scheduling, recruiting, auditioning, planning and conducting rehearsals and performance (both liturgical and non-liturgical)
- Plays organ and piano at worship services, including practice and preparation
- Plans, directs and coordinates the weekly Eventide worship services
- Assigns and supervises accompaniment, organist, and choral director responsibilities to other staff, subcontractors, substitutes as needed
- Coordinates liturgical music for special events including non-seasonal worship
- Creates and administers fiscal budget of music department
- Manages the maintenance and care of all music supplies, equipment, and instruments
- Works with the Rector to explore the development of new choirs, ensembles, and programs to increase active musical participation by the congregation

- Grows All Saints role as a cultural center of the Santa Barbara/Montecito area with concert series and recital events
- Supplies appropriate music for weddings, funerals, and events for outside groups, at additional remuneration

Qualifications

- Minimum experience as a Music Director/Church Choral Director for at least 5 years
- Excellent musicianship, conducting, and vocal pedagogy skills
- Ability to work with and motivate a team of diverse and dedicated singers and volunteers
- Knowledge of the Episcopal Church and its liturgy preferred

How to Apply

Please send cover letter, resume, and at least three professional contacts to kathleen@asbts.org. Please indicate "Music Director Search" in the subject line. **Application period closes on January 15, 2019.**