

Job Title: Organist/Choirmaster

Name of church or organization: Ascension Episcopal Church

Job Location: Houston, TX

Job Description

Working in collaboration with the Rector, the Organist/Choirmaster will sustain and expand the ministry of music throughout the life of the church while ensuring that our Anglican heritage is reflected in all worship. This includes using the congregation's musical gifts as a means of and aid to worship, leading the congregation to minister to each other through music, encouraging the fellowship of individuals and groups who share an appreciation of music, and fostering musical talents and expression among all age groups within the congregation.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES

Plan, organize, and lead the ministry of music.

Select appropriate organ and choral music for all worship in consultation with the Rector;

Provide organ preludes and postludes for all worship services as well as other musical accompaniments as appropriate;

Build repertoire and encourage participation of parish community in singing at all liturgies;

Direct choirs in rehearsal and worship for both regular Sunday morning service as well as special worship services related to feast days (Christmas and Easter), periodic evensong services, and other occasions (such as Holy Week services);

Raise the musical profile of the parish by expanding the choral repertoire to include varying time periods and genres, as well as by hosting musicians and ensembles to offer special liturgies and/or recitals; and

Serve as organist for weddings, funerals, and memorial services as requested, Additional compensation will be paid according to the church fee schedule for such services (or assist with finding substitute direction and musicians when not personally available).

Administer the music ministry program effectively.

Manage the music library and work within the worship budget to expand existing collections;

Maintain a high level of musicianship with regards to conducting, organ accompaniment, and organ performance; and

Abide by all church policies including but not limited to those related to confidentiality, personnel policies, facilities usage policies, finance policies, and Diocesan required policies for the protection of children and other employees.

Description of Ascension's Organ

Ascension's organ is a 1983 2-manual Gress Miles Pipe Organ comprising of 24 ranks on Two Manuals, with six manual divisions on swell and great. Additionally, there is a Zimbelstern and toe studs for general and pedals. The new pedals and pistons were installed in 2018.

Type of commitment: Part Time – 8 to 12 Hours weekly.

Does this job pay? Yes - Pay will be based on Association of Anglican Musicians Salary Guide. For details see their link at: <https://anglicanmusicians.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/AAM-Salary-Guide-revised-2018.pdf>

Application Process: Email the Rector a Cover Letter and Resume' at mark@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org or mail to The Rev. Mark McDonald, 2525 Seagler Road, Houston TX 77042

Application Deadline:12/31/2019