



CLAY WHITTINGTON

Music Director

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Music Director Search Committee
St. Mark the Evangelist Roman Catholic Parish
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Dear Members of the Search Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in the Director of Music position at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish. Over the past two decades, I have found great joy in creating worship experiences that inspire, teach, and draw people into deeper faith through music. I was especially drawn to St. Mark's commitment to fostering full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy, which beautifully reflects my own philosophy of music as a living expression of prayer and community. To help share more about my work, I have created a webpage with videos and additional materials at <https://claywhittingtonmusic.com/stmarkov/>.

As Director of Music Ministries at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Tucson, I lead multiple ensembles, plan and coordinate music for the liturgical year, and work closely with clergy and lay leaders to create worship experiences that are both reverent and welcoming. My background as a conductor, pianist, and organist has allowed me to shape programs that weave together traditional hymnody, choral repertoire, and contemporary worship music. I have extensive experience training cantors and choir members, collaborating with instrumentalists, and curating repertoire that reflects both the liturgical season and the spiritual needs of the congregation.

I bring a strong understanding of liturgical planning, score preparation, copyright and licensing requirements, and budget management. My academic background in choral conducting and ongoing professional development support a high standard of musical and theological integrity. I place a high priority on building strong pastoral relationships, nurturing volunteer musicians, and forming music ministries that are both sustainable and spiritually formative.

St. Mark's commitment to excellence in worship and its rich parish life resonate with my own vocation. I would be honored to bring my experience and passion for sacred music to your community, working closely with your pastor, musicians, and parishioners to continue building a program rooted in beauty and faithfulness to the Roman Catholic tradition.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to speak with you about how my background and vision for liturgical music might serve the life of your parish.

Sincerely,

William Clayton Whittington, M.M.

Enclosure: Résumé