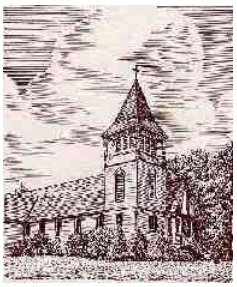
Parish Musician



The Church of the Annunciation
(Episcopal)
Oradell, N.J.

"Leaders in the church in whatever area are *Pastors, Teachers*, and *Performers* in exactly that order."
—Alec Wyton, church musician, 1921-2007

Come grow with us! The Church of the Annunciation in Oradell is an active congregation of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Newark, currently engaged in a deliberate effort of church development and growth. We seek a liturgical musician to serve as our organist and choirmaster, to help us create and expand music programs in the Anglican tradition.

Currently, we have a team of individual cantors, who are supplemented by a four-part choir for holy days. We also have an adult hand-bell choir, and a group of about fifteen children who sing occasionally. These are all volunteers. Our musicians' primary responsibility is to lead and encourage the people in their active participation in the liturgy.

We seek someone to take our music program to the next level; compensation will increase as commitment increases. We envision this position growing to the scope of an average of fifteen hours per week, with regular weeknight rehearsals of an adult mixed-voice choir eight months of the year; occasional children's choir performances; and training the choirs and congregation in a wide variety of congregational music, including but not limited to popular religious song, traditional hymnody, praise music, Christian rock, Anglican Chant, and world music genres. Compensation begins at $12,000 annually.

Our musician needs to accompany hymns and congregational service music for our 10 a.m. Sunday service as well as Christmas, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week services, providing additional music for preludes, postludes, as well as music during communion. We are a Eucharistic community, although on rare occasions we offer Morning Prayer. The ideal candidate will be proficient at the organ (1996 Allen electronic) as well as the piano. Other instruments also welcome. Year-round commitment. Membership in the Episcopal Church is not necessary, but familiarity with Christian liturgical tradition is essential. To this end, mentoring and training will be made available.

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