



Ascension & St. George's

RESURRECTION PARISH

WORSHIP LEADER (Music Minister)

Resurrection Parish in St. Mary's County, Maryland is seeking a Worship Leader (Music Minister) who has a passion for leading Christian worship and inspiring communities in song and ministry. A multi-site parish, Resurrection has two church campuses: Ascension in Lexington Park and St. George's in Valley Lee, both Episcopal churches. The Worship Leader will have the opportunity to share joyful creativity and enjoy a collaborative and fruitful relationship with the parish clergy, especially the Rector (pastor) who will serve as the Worship Leader's supervisor. The Worship Leader will also have the opportunity to build and grow a new music / worship program, together with strong clergy leadership, dedicated lay leaders and a congregation passionate about growing young. As an Episcopal church, Resurrection Parish (Ascension & St. George's) is rooted in a particular liturgical tradition, but we're looking for a joyful, inspiring, and gifted Worship Leader to lead us as we rejuvenate familiar pieces and learn new songs, all a part of our overall commitment to growing and growing young. The ideal Worship Leader will lead vocally and instrumentally, have a passion for worship, exercise clear gifts of collaborative servant leadership, bring fresh ideas on worship styles and musical idioms, and be pastorally present to the congregation and wider community.

Duties & Responsibilities

- We envision that this is a half-time position, no more than 20 hours per week
- Lead music in worship at both sites at all principal worship services – Sundays 9am at St. George's, (currently) 10:30am at Ascension. Times may change subject to the new hire
- Lead music in worship at other Holy Day liturgies: Ash Wednesday (1 evening), Christmas Eve (2 or 3 services that evening), Holy Week (Thursday and Friday evening before Easter)
- Connect with and develop musical leadership in the congregation and surrounding community, coordinating musicians and musical leadership within each congregation (oftentimes collectively, within the parish)
- Direct rehearsal(s) with musicians and engage with church leadership – and other musicians – in seasonal planning
- Develop active knowledge of audio-visual systems and operations, and how to run those systems
- Perform at parish weddings and funerals with right of first refusal
- Coordinate maintenance of musical instruments, piano, organ, and related
- Submit a brief annual report of the state of the music ministries for the concluding year
- Work with Rector to develop a music / worship budget for upcoming year(s)
- Research of musical selections, some organizational work, and some meetings may be handled via email and Zoom

Qualifications

The candidate should possess:

- A strong sense of calling in one's Christian spiritual life, and desire to mature in Christ
- Joy at the opportunity to build a new music / worship ministry

- Degree in music, or equivalent experience
- Instrumentalist preferred, ideally keyboardist
- Strong leadership skills and ability to build volunteer teams with members of varying skill levels
- Flexibility and high level of improvisation; technical and artistic skill

Annual Compensation & Benefits

- Annual salary \$26,000, and room to grow when the church grows!
- Professional development allowance of \$400
- 3 weeks paid vacation; 2 weeks of paid sick leave
- Opportunity to use both churches for recitals and teaching
- Weddings and funerals are compensated by the family at \$150 / service
- Budget available (TBD) for hiring additional musicians on occasional basis
- Annual cost of living compensation increase as part of annual review and budget process

Instruments

- St. George's – Yamaha Clavinova and Steinway grand piano; newly installed audio system with advanced capacity
- Ascension – Allen Organ and grand piano. Church will invest in Yamaha Clavinova and integrated audio system with advanced capacity. Room to invest in additional instruments, as needed.
- Both church worship spaces will add additional integrated visual capacity – screens, projectors

Background Check & Required Training

All employees must complete background check and Safe Church Anti-Abuse Training upon hire.

To Apply

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and any recordings or links to your work as a musician and leader in worship to the Rev'd Greg Syler, rector – greg@stgeorgesvl.org or greg@ascensionlp.org. Contact Greg Syler if you have any questions, or would like to speak further. Greg's cell is (301) 481-5737

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