

## **Position Description Minister of Music**

### **Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Gaithersburg, MD**

***Church of the Ascension Episcopal Church in Gaithersburg, MD, multicultural, bilingual (Spanish/English) is looking for an interim (5-12 month) Music Minister (Organist/Choirmaster) to enhance and help lead its services. The candidate will play a Casavant pipe organ (Opus 5801) and Baldwin grand piano to direct and inspire a volunteer adult choir. An experienced organist and pianist and choir director is preferred. No formal organ training is required.***

#### ***Responsibilities include:***

- Provide organ and piano music and direction at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist, and select appropriate music for the service.
- Provide organ/piano and/or choral/instrumental music for the following additional services during the year:
  - Ash Wednesday
  - Maundy Thursday, and on occasion Wednesday of Holy Week and Good Friday
  - The Great Vigil of Easter (Easter Eve)
  - Easter Day
  - Thanksgiving Day
  - Christmas Eve and Day
  - Epiphany Pageant
  - Occasional Ecumenical/Interfaith community events
- Weekly choir rehearsals from September to June
- Weekly meetings with Rector and staff to plan service
- Purchase all necessary music and music supplies
- Hire and provide direction to instrumentalists for special services
- Report to the Rector on conditions and the need for maintenance of the organ and pianos
- Provide music at all weddings held in the church requiring music for a separate fee

#### ***Benefits include:***

- A budget for music and instrumentalist for special occasions
- Subscription to online music library St James press.
- Paid sick and vacation leave

#### ***Preferences:***

- Someone who is willing to start a children's choir