

Guiding Principles

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Music is important in the life of St John's in the City as we worship God and grow in faith.

Music at St John's should:

1. Be Meaningful (theological, missional, purposeful)
2. Allow Participation (of both congregation and musicians)
3. Be Accessible (familiar)
4. Promote Understanding (make no assumptions; 'frame' the music; why it's being used in this way)
5. Be Varied
6. Reflect Our Community (ages, cultures, languages, connection to *Communion of Saints*)
7. Reflect an Emotional factor (including but not limited to):
 - a) fostering enthusiasm in each other; modelling authentic corporate participation.
 - b) expressing our: joy, thankfulness, grief, grace, etc.
 - c) having different styles of music for different parts of the liturgy.
8. Be of a High standard (expecting from ourselves concerted effort to pursue these principles and supporting each other in doing so together)