

Employment Opportunity

## Director of Music

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC**

**Reports to:** The Rector

**Works with:** Choir(s), Church Administrator, Worship Commission and Special Musicians

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church:** We are a welcoming and diverse community of approximately 120 regular Sunday worshippers. At St. Mark's, our purpose is to help each other experience and worship God, to openly share the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to respond in love to the needs of our neighbors. From the beginning, we have sought to be distinctive in the style and substance of parish life. The parish embraced the process of liturgical revision then going on in the Episcopal Church and placed the Eucharist at the center of its worship life.

**Our Worship Space:** The St. Mark's worship space is a large, modern and modular space allowing us to be flexible in our worship expression depending on the liturgical season. We can also re-arrange our seating and add table settings for an intimate dinner or gala. Our worship space is a part of who we are.

We are a community of rich and poor, varying education levels, urban and suburban, young and old, gay and straight, multi-racial and multi-ethnic.

On Sundays, we have two services: 8:30 a.m. (said—no music) and 10:30 a.m. (with music).

**Position Summary:** In collaboration with the Rector, the Director of Music is responsible for developing and leading all musical aspects of worship in a manner consistent with Anglican/Episcopal theology and liturgy. There is room for the exploration and creative use of other non-traditional forms of sacred music including folk, indigenous and global.

**Primary Responsibilities:**

1. In consultation with the Rector, act as a thought-leader and planner for the full range of music offerings in the St. Mark's community.
2. Act as the Organist and lead musician for all worship services and occasional special events including weddings and funerals.
3. Assist in planning and directing liturgically appropriate music for Advent, Christmas Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and other festive occasions.
4. Recruit, equip, motivate and support regular musicians and develop musical teams and ensembles for special services and events as needed.
5. Work closely with the Administrator and Committees in areas of general planning, budgeting, preparation and goal setting to deliver a quality musical product.
6. Affirm and support the life, mission and values of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

**Qualifications:**

The candidate will have interest and abilities in a wide range of musical expressions including ancient and traditional classical, contemporary, indigenous and *new music* forms.

They will have 5-year minimum church music experience.

They can nurture and train others in musical expression.

They will have experience producing and directing special musical events and programs.

**Instrumentation:**

On Sundays, the organist utilizes an Allen Electronic Organ. We own 2 upright pianos we have recently acquired a Baby Grand piano. Occasionally, we also contract with small bands and quartets.

**Education:**

The candidate will have associate, bachelor or master's level work in music, organ studies, religious music, voice, conducting or related fields and must be able to assist in developing and nurturing a choir.

**Compensation:**

Salary is negotiable utilizing AGO guidelines for a ½ time position with associate, bachelor or master's level experience. Benefits are adjusted and include health, vacation and continuing education.

**Applying:**

If you are interested in applying for the Director of Music Position at St. Mark's Episcopal Church please submit the following:

Letter of application outlining interest and relevant experience for the position.

Resume or curriculum vitae.

Brief paragraph or maximum 1-page statement outlining background and philosophy of church music and its relevance to serving a diverse parish in an urban setting.

Names and addresses of three individuals who can provide professional references.

Please send application materials to The Rev. Tyrone Fowlkes, Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1725 N. New Hope Road, Raleigh, NC 27601, or [tfowlkes@stmarks-ral.org](mailto:tfowlkes@stmarks-ral.org) by July 20, 2018. Only short-listed candidates will be interviewed and they should expect an audition.