

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Waco, TX

Associate Organist & Director of Music Job Description

St. Alban's Episcopal Church is seeking applications for the position of Associate Organist & Director of Music. The mission of St Alban's music program is to glorify God through music, support congregational singing and participation, engage with the greater Waco community, and support high quality church music as a leader in the Diocese of Texas. This position reports to the Organist & Director of Music.

Supported by a world class Schoenstein organ (Opus 180, 2021), the music program at St. Alban's is committed to excellence and is grounded in the unique Anglican heritage of music in the Episcopal Church. St. Alban's has a busy and exciting musical life which includes the Parish Choir, comprising skilled volunteers and twelve professional singers; the newly established professional concert choir, Vox Seraphim; the St. Alban's Chorister Program; and the Sacred Arts Concert Series. St. Alban's is also one only a handful of churches in the country to offer weekly Choral Evensong.

Requirements of the position include the following:

- Excellent organ-playing abilities: The successful candidate must be able to cope with a high volume of choral and solo repertoire and have already cultivated a large and varied repertoire of solo organ music. A typical Sunday includes three anthems, Anglican chant Psalmody, a Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis, and four substantial organ voluntaries.
- Flexibility and collegiality. An ability to work with musicians of all skill levels and ages is essential.
- Skill in choral accompaniment.
- A commitment to and familiarity with the Anglican choral tradition.

Desirable qualifications:

- Degree in organ performance and/or church music.
- Experience as a conductor.
- Writing, communication, and organizational skills.

Responsibilities:

- Serve as the primary accompanist for all choral services, in partnership with the Organ Scholar.
- Shared responsibility for playing voluntaries, hymns, service music, improvising, and conducting the choirs.
- Deputize for the Organist & Director of Music in his absence.
- Manage extensive music library.
- Play weddings, funerals, and diocesan events for extra compensation as assigned.
- Attend weekly staff meetings.
- Meet weekly with the Organist & Director of Music to review choral music.
- Assist with other administrative responsibilities within the music program.

Hours, Salary, and Benefits:

This is a 40-hour position offering competitive salary and benefits, including health and dental insurance.

This position comes with four weeks of vacation and offers flexibility to accommodate a recital career. Time away for recitals does not count as vacation but must be approved by the Organist & Director of Music and the Rector.

Please address applications to Eugene Lavery, Organist & Director of Music at eugene@stalbanswaco.org. Applications should include a cover letter, CV, and links to samples of solo organ repertoire, choral accompaniments, and conducting. Applications will be considered as they are submitted with a deadline of Monday, March 25.