

Job Posting for **Music Minister at Episcopal Church of St. Mary**

The Episcopal Church of St. Mary in Falmouth, Maine welcomes applications for a Minister of Music. We seek a proficient organist/choir director with a master's degree or equivalent experience, skilled in hymn playing and in preparing, conducting, and accompanying a devoted volunteer choir. The applicant should be adept at employing music in liturgy using a variety of musical styles and have familiarity with the liturgy of the Episcopal Church and expertise in traditional and modern choral, organ, and piano repertoire. The individual should possess a high level of leadership and organization, exhibit graceful communication skills, and be able to work collaboratively with clergy and other church members. This 20-hour weekly commitment has estimated compensation starting at \$35K, commensurate with experience, plus a benefits package.

Located in Falmouth, Maine, St. Mary's is just two minutes from the Atlantic Ocean and 10 minutes from downtown Portland. Portland has an international airport and is only two hours from Boston by car or train.

St. Mary's is proud of its music and worship traditions, and its robust parish life. Among its musical assets is its tracker-action organ, designed and handcrafted expressly for its setting at St. Mary's Church by Gerhard Brunzema (1927-1992) of Casavant Freres Limited, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec. Commissioned in 1977, the two-manual and pedal instrument has 20 stops, 26 ranks of pipes, and has mechanical and stop action. Its tonal design was inspired by the North German organ tradition of the 17th and 18th centuries and is true to the classic Baroque period.

The church also is home to St. Mary's Schola, an independent organization founded in 2008, whose goal is to provide the finest in Early Music performances to New England audiences. Greater Portland is a vibrant area with strong support for the arts including a symphony orchestra conducted by Eckart Preu, theater and ballet companies, many choral groups, and a professional opera company. The University of Southern Maine is an excellent center for applied and music education students. Portland is one of only two U.S. cities employing a municipal organist for its 1906 Kotschmar Memorial Organ, drawing organists from around the world.

The Music Minister will be responsible for the music at church services and other church-related events and will be available for weddings and funerals for additional compensation. They will be responsible for overseeing the maintenance of the organ and St. Mary's other instruments. St. Mary's maintains a music library and is eager to support its expansion, along with the growth of the music program both building on our tradition and exploring new ideas. The ideal candidate will have an interest in including a broad range of music styles for the choir and congregation, including the acquisition of newly published music from around the world.

The Episcopal Church of St. Mary is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees. We do not discriminate on the basis of sex or gender identity, age, national origin or ethnicity, sexual orientation, or marital status. The finalist candidates will be subject to reference and background check.

Those interested in the position should submit a CV, cover letter, and a link to a video recording of organ playing by April 30, 2023. Please send all application materials to Committee Chair, The Rev. Nathan Ferrell at stmarysepiscopalmusicministry@gmail.com.