

# **Organ Scholar**

Trinity celebrates diversity and is committed to creating a safe & nurturing environment for all employees. Administrative employees are not required to belong to any particular faith. All are welcome to apply!

**Position Title** Organ Scholar

**Job Category** Music

**Status** Full-time, with benefits

**Salary** \$30,000 + on-site housing

#### **Position Summary**

Assist the Canon for Cathedral Music as she leads the music program of Trinity Cathedral, and to gain practical skills and experience as a liturgical musician and program administrator.

This is a full-time position with benefits and on-site housing especially designed for a recent graduate who seeks hands-on experience in all aspects of church music. The Organ Scholar is the primary accompanist for all of Trinity's choral ensembles and shares liturgical playing duties with the Canon for Music. They also assist the Canon for Music and the Music Administrator with the execution of administrative responsibilities, especially those related to the Royal School of Church Music in America-affiliated Choir School.

Trinity Cathedral is a vibrant, healthy, and inclusive faith community renowned for its music-making. The Organ Scholar is encouraged to make liberal use of the 1987 Rosales pipe organ in the cathedral to practice and develop their repertory and improvisation skills.

At the discretion of the Canon for Music, the Organ Scholar will be the accompanist for the Trinity Choir's residency at Durham Cathedral, July 26-August 2, 2026.

This is a one-year position. At the discretion of the Canon for Music, this contract may be renewed for a second year.

## Major responsibilities

- Shares in playing of service music and organ voluntaries at Sunday services, including 10:00am Eucharist and monthly 5:00pm Evensong (Evensong is September to June only)
- Works with the Canon for Music, the Music Administrator, and Music Commission leadership to plan, execute, and administer Trinity Music concerts, events, and classes
- Directs choirs and plays organ in the absence of the Canon for Cathedral Music
- Participates in Trinity Choir rehearsals as **principal accompanist** and director
- Assists with Choir School rehearsals and administration
- Shares wedding and funeral assignments with Canon for Music (compensated separately)
- Other duties as assigned

### Desired qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in music, preferably organ performance
- Demonstrated aptitude for, and love of, accompanying choirs on organ and piano
- Experience conducting choirs and working with singers
- Facility in improvising and/or an eagerness to develop this skill
- Strong organizational & communication skills

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, two letters of recommendation, and recordings (listed below) to Katie Webb, Canon for Cathedral Music, at katiemusic@trinity-episcopal.org by Saturday, February 15, 2025.

#### Applicants should submit recordings (video preferred) of the following items:

- Concert repertoire: two contrasting works
- One choral anthem accompanied by the candidate at the organ
- One hymn accompanied by the candidate at the organ that includes an introduction and an improvised bridge before the final verse

#### Two recommendation letters:

- One letter from current or previous organ teacher/professor
- One letter from clergy, supervisor, professor, or other musical professional

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