



Trinity Church

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Wedding Guidelines

MARRIAGE: WHAT WE BELIEVE

At Trinity Church, we believe marriage is the joining together of one man and one woman in Holy Matrimony; a single, exclusive, lifelong union. The bond and covenant of marriage was instituted by God as delineated in Holy Scripture (Genesis 2:18-25, Mark 10:1-9). Marriage signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church. God's good intention for us is that sexual intimacy is to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). For the blessing and protection of the bond of marriage, of our families, and particularly of our children, God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

"Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God" (*The Book of Common Prayer*).

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Call the Rector and get permission to have your wedding at Trinity Church. Once permission has been granted, dates for the Rehearsal and Wedding will be discussed, approved by the Rector, and then scheduled on the Trinity Church calendar.

Of couples wishing to be married at Trinity Church, at least one person should be a communicant in good standing of Trinity Church. Weddings for non-members will be conducted only under special circumstances.

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PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Couples wishing to be married at Trinity Church must comply with the requirements of the Diocese of South Carolina, including scheduling time for pre-marital counseling with the Rector and, when needed, seeking the necessary permission from the Bishop if either party has been divorced. Seeking permission from the Bishop for re-marriage after divorce involves an application process that usually takes thirty (30) days.

PLEASE NOTE: The policy of our Diocese is that twice-divorced persons may not be married in the church. Clergy of the Diocese may not perform weddings for twice-divorced persons regardless of where the wedding is to be held. The Rector of Trinity Church will be glad to arrange a convenient time to meet with twice-divorced persons and explain this policy in more detail.

MUSIC

The Rector will approve all music to be used in weddings at Trinity Church. Since a wedding is a worship service, only music that is traditionally classified as "sacred" will be allowed. The Trinity Church organist serves as the primary musician for all weddings at Trinity.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

Since a wedding at Trinity is a worship service, no photography is allowed during the actual wedding ceremony (from the time the Officiant enters until the Recessional begins.) Video may be shot from a stationary site (or sites) approved by the Rector during the actual wedding ceremony. Please share this policy with your photographer/videographer (and with family and friends) before the day of the wedding in order to avoid any misunderstanding. The Rector will also attempt to discuss this policy with the photographer/videographer on the day wedding, but that is not always possible.

WEDDING DIRECTOR

Trinity Church will provide a person to assist the Rector and the wedding party during the wedding rehearsal and wedding. This person is well-versed in the traditions of this parish and shall serve as wedding director at all weddings at Trinity Church.

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DECORATIONS

Decorations (flowers, candles, greenery, etc.) are subject to the approval of the Rector. Typically, flowers placed on the altar remain in place for the Sunday service. Scattering flower petals down the aisle is not permitted. It is permissible to throw birdseed after the reception.

PLEASE NOTE: a unity candle ceremony is not part of the marriage service in *The Book of Common Prayer*.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

You must get a marriage license from the County Probate Judge in order for the wedding to be performed. The wedding service need not be held in the same county in South Carolina where the license is issued. *Please bring your marriage license to the rehearsal.*

PLEASE NOTE

We do not conduct weddings during the penitential season of Lent, which is a forty-day period that occurs each year during the months of February-April, the exact dates of the Lenten season being dependent on the date of Easter. If you are considering a wedding during these particular months, please confirm with the Rector that the particular date you are considering does not fall during Lent.



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Wedding Information Form

Date of Wedding: _____ Time of Wedding: _____

Date of Rehearsal: _____ Time of Rehearsal: _____

Reception at Trinity? YES _____ NO _____
(If "yes", please ask for a copy of our Trinity Facilities Use Policy.)

Bride's Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Baptism: _____ Date of Confirmation: _____

Have you been married before? YES _____ NO _____

Have you been divorced? YES _____ NO _____

If "yes," how many times have you been divorced: _____



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Full Names of Parents of the Bride: _____

Groom's Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Baptism: _____ Date of Confirmation: _____

Have you been married before? YES _____ NO _____

Have you been divorced? YES _____ NO _____

If "yes," how many times have you been divorced: _____

Full Names of Parents of the Groom: _____



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