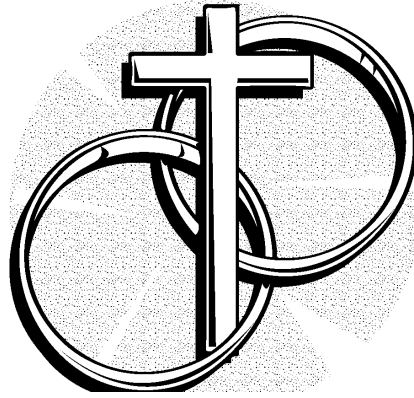


Planning Your Wedding Ceremony Booklet



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This booklet is also available online at: www.stmichael-pl.org – Worship – Wedding Planning

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. We, at St. Michael Catholic Church, want to be helpful and supportive as you begin to plan your wedding ceremony. We understand that there are many details, not only with the ceremony, but in many areas, that need to be planned in celebrating your wedding day. This booklet will provide you with all of the information you will need to plan your ceremony. It will help you to understand the liturgical and musical elements that need to be planned and as well as the necessary resources to plan those elements. In addition, it includes important practical elements in celebrating your wedding at St. Michael. By now you should have received a smaller booklet entitled "Marriage Preparation and Wedding Planning." Please contact the parish office if you need a copy of that booklet. Be sure to use both booklets in your preparation. We wish you the best as you embark on the exciting journey of planning your wedding ceremony.

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*Gracious and loving God,
we give you thanks for the love we share,
and for bringing us together.*

*As we prepare for our wedding,
help us to grow in mutual respect
and love for one another.*

*Help us to prepare for our wedding
by an increase of generosity to others
and by the prayers we make for a
long and happy life together.*

*Bless the many people who are helping
us to prepare for our wedding.*

*May we remain joyful and
in good-humor as the day draws near.*

*Guide us to always live in love with each other.
Teach us to love like Christ all the days of our life together.*

Amen.



Time

Most weddings take place on Friday evening or Saturday afternoon. A Friday evening wedding can be scheduled no later than 8:00PM. A Saturday afternoon wedding Mass can be scheduled no later than 2:00PM. A wedding Service without a Mass can be scheduled no later than 2:30PM. At a Saturday afternoon wedding all photographs must be taken before 4:00PM and all photographic equipment must be removed from the church by that time.

On Saturday, the church will be open by 11:30AM for picture taking and decorating. This time has been set because occasionally it is necessary to be able to celebrate a funeral on a Saturday morning. If an earlier time is needed, please discuss this with the Wedding Coordinator who will determine if an earlier time is possible.

Marriages can be celebrated on nearly any day except Sundays, Holy Days and the Sacred Triduum. Weddings during the season of Lent are discouraged because of the penitential nature of that season.

Parish Policy Regarding Weddings during Lent

For many centuries weddings were not celebrated in the Catholic Church during the season of Lent. In recent years the Church has changed that rule, however such weddings are still discouraged. In its liturgical law the Church states:

"If marriages are to take place during Lent, couples are to be reminded that wedding plans should respect the special nature of this liturgical season; they should refrain from too much pomp or display."

At the Church of St. Michael the following specific policies have been adopted to clarify what it means to "respect the special nature of this liturgical season."

- The liturgical decorations that have been erected for the Season of Lent within the church may not be altered in any way.
- No floral arrangements may be placed anywhere within the church. However, the bride and her attendants may carry bouquets and the groom and his attendants may wear a boutonniere.
- Pew bows are not allowed.
- Flower girls may not drop floral petals on the aisle before the bride.
- It is recommended that the number of attendants be limited to no more than three for the bride and three for the groom (including the best man and the maid/matron of honor). If family obligations require a greater number, the couple should discuss this with the priest or deacon with whom they are working.
- The singing of "alleluia" is forbidden during Lent. Therefore, no song or acclamation (gospel acclamation) may be sung (as a solo or congregational hymn) which includes the word "alleluia."
- Other music chosen for the wedding should reflect the simplicity appropriate to the season. The parish Director of Music will assist the couple in finding appropriate musical selections that will reflect the joy of their wedding while remaining faithful to the nature of the Lenten Season.

Facilities

- The church is a "Smoke Free" building.
 - Food and beverages are not permitted in the upper level of the church building.
 - Food and beverages may be brought into the Archangels Hall in the lower level, but must be consumed there. Please be sure that all items, including food and beverages, are cleaned up and taken with you after the wedding.
 - The bride and her attendants may use Archangels Hall to dress and store belongings.
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Fees

The cost entailed in preparing a couple for marriage is considerable. The parish requires a donation of \$450 for a wedding and its preparation. This is to be paid by check made out to "St. Michael Catholic Church" This fee covers a part of the costs of the parish's pre-marriage programs, as well as the costs involved in the use of the church and the services of the Parish Staff, including the Wedding Coordinator. See \$50 of that fee is non-refundable. If the wedding is later cancelled, an appropriate refund will be made depending on the expenses the parish may have incurred up to the point of cancellation. If a couple is preparing for their wedding at one parish and celebrating it in another, the fee will be adjusted accordingly. Costs involved with the music should be handled directly with the musicians. There is no separate fee for the presiding priest or deacon, although a small gift is common and appreciated.

Marriage License and Documentation

When a couple has completed their Prepare Sessions and attended a Pre-marriage Retreat they can inform the Parish Office. The church will then prepare a signed statement regarding the completed preparation. **This will qualify a couple for a \$50 reduction in the license fee.** A Marriage License is valid six months after being issued. The license must be given to the Wedding Coordinator at the rehearsal.

If you will be living in the Prior Lake area and remaining members of. Michael Catholic Church, we ask that you update your information with the parish office.

Flowers and Decorations

Decorations that have been put up as part of the parish's observance of a liturgical feast or season may not be removed or altered. Except during Lent, flowers may be placed in the sanctuary in a location that will not obstruct anyone's view of the Liturgy. Flowers cannot be placed on the altar table, but can be placed in front of the altar table on the floor, in front of the ambo (lectern), or on the far sides of the altar predella. Please be sure that any decorations brought into the church for the Wedding Ceremony are to be removed afterward. You may choose to assign this task to one or two people to ensure that the church is left in good condition. Personal attendants and/or ushers can be assigned this responsibility. You are responsible for all clean up, removing programs that may have been left, all decorations, and vacuuming if necessary (for example, if your floral arrangements shed).

We do allow the dropping of flower petals; however, they must be cleaned up following the ceremony.

We do not allow aisle runners. The church has beautiful carpet. Also, adding an aisle runner to carpet is a safety hazard and almost always causes someone to trip or stumble.

If you desire to have candelabra, please contact a rental service (typically florists rent these). Be sure that the candles used are dripless so that the church carpet does not become damaged with wax.

If you are opting to have a unity candle, you are to provide the candles and the holder. Please exercise care in your purchase of unity candles so that they don't burn and drip wax too easily. Some of the elaborate candles may be made with a very thin wax that burns very quickly. St. Michael will provide a wood stand that the holder may be placed on.

Two chairs for the bride and groom will be placed on the predella facing the ambo. The Wedding Coordinator will handle this.

Pew bows are allowed. Please do not staple anything to the pews. Tape is allowed. Wide packing tape is recommended and does NOT damage the finish on the pews. Pipe cleaners, in addition to pew bow clips (found in many craft stores), may also be used.

We do not allow the throwing of rice, birdseed, or any other material after the wedding, either inside or outside the church building. Bubbles may be used; however, please be sure that the empty containers are properly disposed of and not left on the church property.

Photography and Videotaping

It is important that photographers or video camera operators not become a distraction during the service. They should check with the Wedding Coordinator before the Liturgy if they have any questions. No pictures may be taken during the 1/2 hour preceding the ceremony. At a Saturday afternoon wedding all photographs must be taken before 4:00PM and all photographic equipment must be removed from the church by that time. Video cameras must not be near the altar.

Wedding Coordinator

Part of your fee covers the use of a parish Wedding Coordinator who will assist you in many details for your ceremony. The Wedding Coordinator will assist you in some of your preparations; scheduling a rehearsal time, run the rehearsal, and help to ensure that everything runs smoothly during the ceremony. Because of this, other wedding coordinators are not needed for the ceremony at St. Michael. The Wedding Coordinator can assist you in details as you complete your liturgy planning form. **The liturgy planning form must be completed and provided to the Wedding Coordinator two weeks before the wedding.** If you have questions regarding your preparations you may contact the Wedding Coordinator at the phone number listed at the end of this booklet.

Attendants

The parish has no restrictions on the number of attendants. We discourage the participation of very young (pre-school) children as flower girls or ring bearers. Because the Best Man and Maid/Matron of Honor act as official witnesses for the Church as well as the state, at least one of them should be a Catholic.

The Rehearsal

Usually the wedding rehearsal takes place the evening before. The rehearsal is helpful for all those in the wedding ceremony in preparing for the ceremony and to become familiar with the order of the ceremony. The rehearsal time must be set up with the Wedding Coordinator. The Wedding Coordinator will run the rehearsal. Normally, musicians and the presider or deacon are not present at the rehearsal. Please make sure that all those involved in the ceremony are at the rehearsal and on time. The rehearsal typically last 45 minutes-1 hour.

Guest Presiders

With the explicit permission of the pastor, another Catholic priest or deacon may be invited to preside at a wedding. He must, however, be registered as a cleric by the State of Minnesota in order to preside at a wedding in this state. A non-Catholic minister is welcome to participate in a Catholic wedding ceremony. While the deacon or priest must act as the official witness for the exchange of vows, there are other elements of the service that a non-Catholic minister might do. These can be discussed with the priest or deacon.

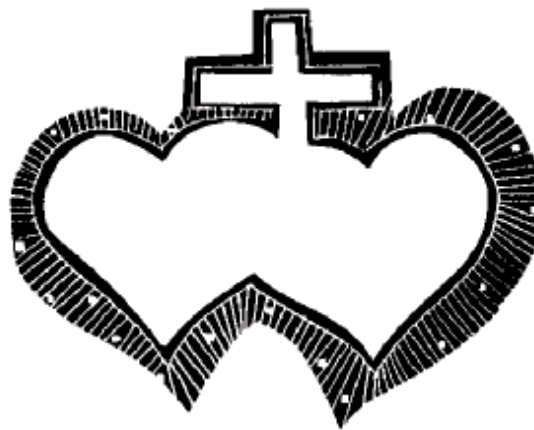
Inter-Faith Marriages

Permission from the Archbishop is required when a Catholic marries a non-Catholic or non-Christian. The priest or deacon will arrange for completing the papers needed for this permission to be granted. Marriages between a Catholic and a non-Catholic normally do not include the celebration of Mass since Holy Communion cannot be offered to the non-Catholics taking part. This fact could introduce an element of division at a time that we wish to emphasize unity. Instead, such inter-faith marriages normally take place within a special Scripture Service.

It is also possible to receive permission for a wedding to take place before a Christian minister of another denomination. This can happen only if the bride or the groom is not a Catholic. The priest or deacon can work with you if you wish your wedding to take place in a non-Catholic church, while still being recognized as a Sacrament by the Catholic Church. The basic elements of pre-marriage preparation are still required, even if the wedding takes place in another church.

Wedding Worship Aids (or Program)

It is highly recommended that all couples create a wedding worship aid for their wedding ceremony and guests. It will serve as an "aid" to all who are present and will encourage "full, active, and conscious participation." Remember that as a worship aid, it should first and foremost, aid your guests liturgically. It will also serve as a wonderful reminder of your day. Including aspects of a "program" which list parents, attendants, and all participants, are allowed and encouraged. Be sure to include the Presider's name in your program. Listing musicians is optional. You can obtain sample wedding worship aids from the Music Director. **All Wedding Worship Aids must be approved by Angie O'Brien, Director of Liturgical Music before anything can be printed.**



PROGRAM FOR FULL MASS (with communion)

(NOTE: Items printed in *italics* indicate variables that you should list in the finished product. Optional items are given in brackets.)

PRELUDE	<i>music title</i>	<i>composer</i>
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INTRODUCTORY RITE

PROCESSIONAL	<i>music title</i>	<i>composer</i>
GREETING		
OPENING SONG	<i>title</i>	<i>Book/Number</i>
OPENING PRAYER		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING	<i>scripture reference</i>	<i>[opt. read by...]</i>
Response:	"Thanks be to God."	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	<i>title</i>	<i>Book/Number</i>
SECOND READING	<i>scripture reference</i>	<i>[opt. read by...]</i>
Response:	"Thanks be to God."	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>title</i>	<i>Book/Number</i>
GOSPEL READING	<i>scripture reference</i>	
Response:	"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ."	
HOMILY		

RITE OF MARRIAGE

STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS
EXCHANGE OF VOWS
BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS
[LIGHTING OF THE UNITY CANDLE] *music title* *composer*
if no unity candle is lit, a meditational song is recommended here
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
 Please respond: "Lord, hear our prayer."
NUPTIAL BLESSING

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS	<i>music title</i>	<i>Book/Number</i>
EUCHARIST ACCLAMATIONS		
Holy	<i>Book/number</i>	
Memorial Acclamation	<i>Book/number</i>	
Amen	<i>Book/number</i>	
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
SIGN OF PEACE		
LAMB OF GOD	<i>Book/number</i>	
COMMUNION SONG	<i>music title</i>	<i>Book/number</i>
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION		

CONCLUDING RITE

FINAL BLESSING		
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUPLE		
RECESSIONAL	<i>music title</i>	<i>composer</i>
[POSTLUDE	<i>music title</i>	<i>composer]</i>

PROGRAM FOR LITURGY OF THE WORD (without communion)

(NOTE: Items printed in *italics* indicate variables that you should list in the finished product.
Optional items are given in brackets.)

PRELUDE	<i>music title</i>	<i>composer</i>
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INTRODUCTORY RITE

PROCESSIONAL	<i>music title</i>	<i>composer</i>
GREETING		
OPENING SONG	<i>title</i>	<i>Book/Number</i>
OPENING PRAYER		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING	<i>scripture reference</i>	<i>[opt. read by...]</i>
Response:	"Thanks be to God."	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	<i>title</i>	<i>Book/Number</i>
SECOND READING	<i>scripture reference</i>	<i>[opt. read by...]</i>
Response:	"Thanks be to God."	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>title</i>	<i>Book/Number</i>
GOSPEL READING	<i>scripture reference</i>	
Response:	"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ."	
HOMILY		

RITE OF MARRIAGE

STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS		
EXCHANGE OF VOWS		
BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS		
[LIGHTING OF THE UNITY CANDLE]	<i>music title</i>	<i>composer</i>
****if no unity candle is lit, a meditational song is recommended here****		
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL		
Please respond:	"Lord, hear our prayer."	
NUPTIAL BLESSING		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
SIGN OF PEACE		

CONCLUDING RITE

FINAL BLESSING		
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUPLE		
RECESSIONAL	<i>music title</i>	<i>composer</i>
[POSTLUDE]	<i>music title</i>	<i>composer]</i>

Planning the Liturgy

As you prepare for your wedding ceremony, there are several places within the liturgy which you have options to choose from. These include:

- The first reading (Old Testament)
- The second reading (New Testament)
- Gospel Reading
- Vows (two choices)
- Prayers of the Faithful (choose one from each category)

Selecting these elements is a great way for the bride and groom to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. We encourage you to spend time reading and praying over the scripture selections, discussing the form of vows you both want to exchange, and discuss together the prayers you would like to offer in the Prayers of the Faithful.

You will need ministers for the following items:

- Lectors (for both a Mass and Liturgy of the Word Service)
 - First Reading
 - Second Reading
 - Prayers of the Faithful
 - NOTE: The Gospel Reading is proclaimed by the presider. You can choose three separate lectors for the above mentioned areas, or one lector can do all three, or you can choose two lectors with one of them doubling on a selection. **Please remember to provide a copy of your selected readings to your lector(s) in advance so they may practice.**
- Gift bearers (Mass only): 2-3 people to bring forward the gifts of bread and wine during the preparation of the gifts.
- Eucharistic Ministers (Mass only)
 - The people you choose to be Eucharistic Ministers must be Eucharistic Ministers in a parish (either here or another parish). If you are celebrating a Mass, it is likely that a relative or some of your guests may already be Eucharistic Ministers. If you cannot find anyone, speak with the Wedding Coordinator.

There are two liturgy planning forms. You will need to fill out the planning form for your ceremony (either Mass or Liturgy of the Word). You can obtain these forms on the parish website or from the Music Director. The planning form contains all of the details concerning your ceremony. **We ask that you provide this information to the Wedding Coordinator at least two weeks prior to your wedding.**

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Then God said:

"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground."

God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying:

"Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth."

God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord God said:

"It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him."

So the Lord God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up in a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said:

"This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken."

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The servant of Abraham said to Laban:

"I bowed down in worship to the Lord, blessing the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. If, therefore, you have in mind to show true loyalty to my master, let me know; but if not, let me know that, too. I can then proceed accordingly."

Laban and his household said in reply:

"This thing comes from the Lord; we can say nothing to you either for or against it. Here is Rebekah, ready for you; take her with you, that she may become the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has said."

So they called Rebekah and asked her,

"Do you wish to go with this man?"

She answered, "I do."

At this they allowed their sister Rebekah and her nurse to take leave, along with Abraham's servant and his men. Invoking a blessing on Rebekah, they said:

"Sister, may you grow into thousands of myriads; and may your descendants gain possession of the gates of their enemies!"

Then Rebekah and her maids started out; they mounted their camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and went on his way.

Meanwhile Isaac had gone from Beer-lahai-roi and was living in the region of the Negeb. One day toward evening he went out in the field, and as he looked around, he noticed that camels were approaching. Rebekah, too, was looking about, and when she saw him, she alighted from her camel and asked the servant,

"Who is the man out there, walking through the fields toward us?"

"That is my master," replied the servant.

Then she covered herself with her veil.

The servant recounted to Isaac all the things he had done. Then Isaac took Rebekah into his tent; he married her, and thus she became his wife. In his love for her, Isaac found solace after the death of his mother Sarah.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Tobit

Tobiah said to Raphael,

"Brother Azariah, ask Raguel to let me marry my kinswoman Sarah."

Raguel overheard the words, so he said to the boy:

"Eat and drink and be merry tonight, for no man is more entitled to marry my daughter Sarah than you, brother. Besides, not even I have the right to give her to anyone but you, because you are my closest relative. But I will explain the situation to you very frankly. She is yours according to the decree of the Book of Moses. Your marriage to her has been decided in heaven! Take your kinswoman; from now on you are her love, and she is your beloved. She is yours today and ever after. And tonight, son, may the Lord of heaven prosper you both. May He grant you mercy and peace."

Then Raguel called his daughter Sarah, and she came to him. He took her by the hand and gave her to Tobiah with the words:

"Take her according to the law. According to the decree written in the Book of Moses she is your wife. Take her and bring her back safely to your father. And may the God of heaven grant both of you peace and prosperity."

He then called her mother and told her to bring the scroll, so that he might draw up a marriage contract stating that he gave Sarah to Tobiah as his wife according to the decree of the Mosaic law. Her mother brought the scroll, and he drew up the contract, to which they affixed their seals. Afterward, they began to eat and drink.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Ruth

Ruth said,

"Do not ask me to abandon or forsake you, for wherever you go I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Wherever you die I will die, and there be buried. May the Lord do so and so to me, and more besides, if anything but death separates me from you!"

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Tobit

On their wedding night Tobiah arose from bed and said to his wife,

"Sister, get up. Let us pray and beg our Lord to have mercy on us and to grant us deliverance."

Sarah got up, and they started to pray and beg that deliverance might be theirs. They began with these words:

"Blessed are you, O God of our fathers; praised be your name forever and ever. Let the heavens and all your creation praise you forever. You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve to be his help and support; and from these two the human race descended. You said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone; let us make him a partner like himself.' Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine not because of lust, but for a noble purpose. Call down your mercy on me and on her, and allow us to live together to a happy old age."

They said together, "Amen, amen."

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord God make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Blessed the husband of a good wife, twice-lengthened are his days; a worthy wife brings joy to her husband, peaceful and full is his life. A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the Lord; be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face.

A gracious wife delights her husband, her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones; a gift from the Lord is her governed speech, and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth. Choicest of blessings is a modest wife, priceless her chaste soul. A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace; indeed, no price is worthy of her temperate soul. Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

The word of the Lord.

Song of Songs

[Old Testament]

***2: 8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a (longer version)
or 2:10-14, 16 (shorter version)***

A reading from the Song of Songs

Hark! my lover-here he comes springing across the mountains, leaping across the hills. My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag. Here he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattices.

[shorter version starts here]

My lover speaks: he says to me,

"Arise, my beloved, my dove, my beautiful one, and come!
O my dove in the clefts of the rock, in the secret recesses of the cliff,
let me see you, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and you are lovely."

My lover belongs to me and I to him. He says to me:

"Set me as a seal on your heart, as a seal on your arm; for stern as death is love, relentless as the nether world is devotion; its flames are a blazing fire. Deep waters cannot quench love, nor floods sweep it away."

The word of the Lord

Jeremiah 3:31-34

[Old Testament]

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the Lord. All, from the least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

[Old Testament]

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every thing under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

The word of the Lord.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

[Old Testament]

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Two are better than one: they get a good wage for their labor. If the one falls, the other will lift up one's companion. Woe to the solitary person! For if one should fall, he has no one to lift them up. So also, if two sleep together, they keep each other warm. How can one alone keep warm? Where a lone person may be overcome, two together can resist. A three-ply cord is not easily broken.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Romans

[New Testament]

***12:1-2, 9-13 (shorter version)
or 12:1-2, 9-18 (longer version)***

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality.

[longer version continues]

Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.

The word of the Lord.

Romans 15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13

[New Testament]

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: we ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves; let each of us please our neighbor for the good, for building up. For Christ did not please himself. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a

[New Testament]

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it does not put on airs, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

The word of the Lord.

Ephesians 3:14-21

[New Testament]

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Ephesians: 5:2a, 25-32

[New Testament]

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the Church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the Church, because we are members of his Body.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

Ephesians:

[New Testament]

5:2a, 21-33 (long version of the above)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us.

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the Church, he himself the savior of the body. As the Church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the Church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the Church, because we are members of his Body.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.

In any case, each one of you should love his wife as himself, and the wife should respect her husband.

The word of the Lord.

Philippians 4:4-9

[New Testament]

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Colossians 3:12-17

[New Testament]

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one Body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

Hebrews 13:1-4a, 5-6b

[New Testament]

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters: Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels. Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment, and of the ill-treated as of yourselves, for you also are in the body. Let marriage be honored among all and the marriage bed be kept undefiled. Let your life be free from love of money but be content with what you have, for he has said, *I will never forsake you or abandon you*. Thus we may say with confidence: *The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid*.

The word of the Lord.

1 Peter 3:1-9

[New Testament]

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter.

Beloved, You wives should honor your husbands, so that even if some disobey the word, they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct when they observe your reverent and chaste behavior. Your adornment should not be an external one: braiding the hair, wearing gold jewelry, or dressing in fine clothes, but rather the hidden character of the heart, expressed in the imperishable beauty of a gentle and calm disposition, which is precious in the sight of God. For his is also how the holy women who hoped in God once used to adorn themselves and were subordinate to their husbands; thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him "lord." You are her children when you do what is good and fear no intimidation.

Likewise, you husbands should live with your wives in understanding, showing honor to the weaker sex, since we are joint heirs of the gift of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble. Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult; but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing.

The word of the Lord.

1 John 3:18-24

[New Testament]

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John.

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit that he gave us.

The word of the Lord.

1 John 4:7-12

[New Testament]

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an offering for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard what sounded like the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying:

"Alleluia! Salvation, glory, and might belong to our God."

A voice coming from the throne said:

"Praise our God, all you his servants, and you who revere him, small and great."

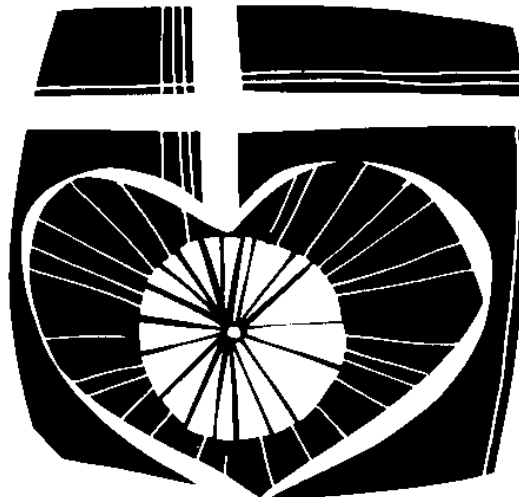
Then I heard something like the sound of a great multitude or the sound of rushing water or mighty peals of thunder, as they said:

"Alleluia! The Lord has established his reign, our God, the almighty. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory. For the wedding day of the Lamb has come, his bride has made herself ready. She was allowed to wear a bright, clean linen garment."
(The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.)

The the angel said to me,

"Write this: Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb."

The word of the Lord.



Matthew 5:1-12a

[Gospel]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil
against you falsely because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 5:13-16

[Gospel]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?
It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.
You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;
it is set on a lamp stand, where it gives light to all in the house.
Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father."

The Gospel of the Lord

Matthew

[Gospel]

7: 21, 24-25 (short version) or 7:21, 24-29 (long version)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock."

[longer version continues]

And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."

When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 19:3-6

[Gospel]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him saying,

"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?"

He said in reply,

"Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator *made them male and female* and said, *for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?*

So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 22:35-40

[Gospel]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

One of the Pharisees, a scholar of the law, tested Jesus by asking,

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him,

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Mark 10:6-9

[Gospel]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said:

"From the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female.*
For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh.
Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 15:9-12

[Gospel]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and joy might be complete.
This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

There was a wedding in Canain Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him,

"They have no wine."

And Jesus said to her,

"Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servers,

"Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them,

"Fill the jars with water."

So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them,

"Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter."

So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,

"Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

***17:20-23 (short version) or
17:20-26 (longer version)***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

"Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me."

[longer version continues]

Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

VOWS

The Rite of Marriage provides two options for the exchange of vows. Please select one and indicate your selection on your liturgy planning form.

TRADITIONAL:

I, _____, take you, _____, to be my lawful wife/husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

CONTEMPORARY:

I, _____, take you, _____, to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.

Prayers of the Faithful

****Choose between 5-7 intercessions, you may choose not to have an intercession from one of the categories. You may also edit these to your needs or write your own. Indicate your selections on your liturgy planning form (A2, B3, C4, etc.) and include any additions, changes, or editing.**

A For the Couple:

1. For _____ and _____: May God bless the bond with which they have linked their lives today, and through grace make it truly unbreakable, we pray to the Lord...
2. May _____ and _____ have a relationship that will provide them with love and mutual support, without hindering their individual growth and development, we pray to the Lord...
3. May _____ and _____ always enjoy the support of good friends and be open to the help only God can give them, we pray to the Lord...
4. May God bless the love of _____ and _____ and make it fruitful so it may enrich their lives and the lives of others, we pray to the Lord...
5. May _____ and _____ always walk in the light of true love, we pray to the Lord...
6. For _____ and _____: may their love grow stronger as each year goes by, we pray to the Lord...
7. May _____ and _____ rejoice with one another in moments of strength, and be compassionate towards one another in moments of weakness, we pray to the Lord...
8. May _____ and _____ find in each other a true and faithful friend, we pray to the Lord...
9. For _____ and _____, now beginning their life together, may they have the constant support of friends, the rich blessing of children, and good health until a ripe old age, we pray to the Lord...
10. For _____ and _____ married here today, may their lives be blessed with love, grace, good health, and lasting peace, we pray to the Lord...
11. For perfect love, peace and mutual help: may _____ and _____ give these to one another in generosity, we pray to the Lord...

B For all married couples:

1. May all married couples be partners who strive to be true and loyal friends to one another, we pray to the Lord...
2. For all married couples, that God give them comfort and strength in each other, and joy in their children, we pray to the Lord...
3. May this wedding day bring renewed joy and peace to the marriage of those who participate in this celebration, we pray to the Lord...

B Continued...

4. May all married Christians remember that they are living signs of the unity of Christ and His Church, we pray to the Lord...
5. That the love of husbands and wives grow daily through loving communication and honest expressions of affection, we pray to the Lord...
6. That partners in marriage everywhere affirm one another with actions based on mutual respect, we pray to the Lord...
7. For all who are married, that they be a source of joy and inspiration for all God's people, we pray to the Lord...

C For those present here today:

1. May all present here be people capable of a true and faithful love for others, we pray to the Lord...
2. For those who are celebrating with ____ and ____ today: may this day bring us blessings, and encourage us to be constant and faithful in love, we pray to the Lord...
3. May all present here be encouraged to persevere in the way of love, we pray to the Lord...
4. For all present here today: may we derive joy and hope for our lives from this celebration, we pray to the Lord...
5. For all these special people gathered here today who have given us their support and love, we pray to the Lord...

D For Christians:

1. May all Christians be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love, we pray to the Lord...
2. May all who believe in Christ hear the commandment of love and obey it, we pray to the Lord...
3. May all followers of Christ love not merely in word or speech but also in deed and truth, we pray to the Lord...
4. May the Christian community be a sign of unity and an instrument of peace in a divided world, we pray to the Lord...
5. That all people of God will share in the joy of Christ's love, we pray to the Lord...

E For the Church:

1. May the Church continue to be built into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace, we pray to the Lord...
2. May the Church be a community where people can find warmth and closeness, we pray to the Lord...
3. For the church, guided by God's grace, that we may be a sign of God's justice and love in our world, we pray to the Lord...
4. That the church, guided by the love celebrated here, will continue to lead us in the search for God, justice, and joy, we pray to the Lord....

F For our society and/or world:

1. May the human family all over the world grow in understanding and cooperation, we pray to the Lord...
3. May the Christian community truly love and support one another as Christ loved us, we pray to the Lord...
4. May all followers of Christ have sincere and practical love for one another, we pray to the Lord...
5. May all our political and civil leaders be faithful to their promises and commitments, we pray to the Lord...
6. May world leaders take the path of reconciliation and peace rather than that of confrontation and war, we pray to the Lord...
7. That couples and families throughout the world will see God's love in those around them, we pray to the Lord...
8. For greater love and unity in all families, we pray to the Lord...
9. For our world, that guided by God's love, we will keep the promise of justice and peace, we pray to the Lord...

G For those not with us:

1. For our loved ones who have died (especially....): may the Lord's eternal love shine on them, we pray to the Lord...
2. For those who have died, especially our loved ones (or particular names): that they may enjoy the fullness of eternal life, we pray to the Lord...
3. For_____ and all who have died. May we remember them in a special way on this day and pray for their perfect happiness in eternal life, we pray to the Lord...
4. For our friends and relatives who could not be with us on this special day due to illness, distance, or death, we pray to the Lord...

G Continued...

5. For all who have died (especially....[name] or especially family and friends of ____ and ____)
may they experience eternal joy with the everlasting God of Love, we pray to the Lord...
6. For those who have died (especially...[name] or especially family and friends of ____ and ____)
may they enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life, we pray to the Lord....

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. For those whose marriages have broken down or are under stress, we pray to the Lord...
2. For all of us, married or single: that we may walk in the light of goodness and faithfulness, we pray to the Lord...
3. For those preparing for marriage, we pray to the Lord...

Musicians

Before you book any musicians, finalize your program, or finalize music and liturgy decisions, couples are required to contact the Director of Music, Angie O'Brien (952-447-2458 or aobrien@stmichael-pl.org). All couples are required to meet with Director of Music to go through liturgy and music planning, environment/set up, programs, etc.

For musicians, you are required to have a pianist and a vocalist (cantor) since there are elements of the ceremony that require them (responsorial psalm, gospel acclamation, for Masses: Eucharistic Acclamations, Communion song). You may decide to supplement your music with instruments (for ex. trumpet, guitar, flute, etc.), ensembles (a string quartet, etc.), or additional vocalists.

The Director of Music will help guide you in booking your singer and any other additional instrumentalists. If you have a certain singer in mind we will work with you to accommodate your wishes. Guest singers are allowed. If you do not have a singer in mind, we can provide suggestions for singers (along with audio samples of singers via Dropbox).

The Director of Music plays piano for all of the weddings at St. Michael to ensure that the liturgy and music run as smoothly as possible. Any exceptions must be approved. Every presider and every church handles wedding liturgies in a different way. At St. Michael, there are additional elements for the pianist, such as running the sound for the vocalist from the mixer by the piano, announcing hymns, etc. We have found that bringing in all guest musicians is confusing because they will not know our sound system, our liturgical style, or possibly the ritual of the Church. Therefore, for a graceful wedding liturgy, please plan to have the Director of Music play piano for your wedding.

The Director of Music will meet with you to help guide you through selecting your music, go through any requests you may already have, etc. Once your music is finalized, the Director of Music will work directly with your singer in getting them the resources they need (music, recordings, etc.) and scheduling rehearsal time.

Musicians fees:

The Church of St. Michael follows a fee structure for wedding musicians that is standard for churches in our area.

The fee for the pianist (Director of Music) is \$200.

The fee for a singer for a Liturgy of the Word Ceremony is \$125.

The fee for a singer for a full Mass is \$150.

The fee for an additional instrument (violin, trumpet, etc) ranges from \$150-\$200 depending upon the individual musician's fee.

Payment is due the week before the wedding. The Director of Music will provide you with all the payment information and instructions.

Music Guidelines

The ideal ceremony will have a balance of congregational singing as well as solos. Your goal is to encourage "full, conscious, and active participation" from all those who gather for your wedding liturgy. It is a participatory event in which your guests take an active part. You will want to select music that is appropriate, liturgical, and accessible.

The Music Ministry at St. Michael's has two books from which you can select music:

- Maroon Gather hymnal
- Black Book (additional music not found in the maroon Gather hymnal)

In the maroon Gather, there is a **Liturgical Index** in the back of the hymnals regarding Music for Marriage. The **Topical Index** will help you choose music under Love, Thanksgiving, Praise, and Commitment.

A few of the suggestions indicate that you would need to reprint music that is not in the above mentioned hymnals. Please speak with the Director of Music who will provide you with what you can legally reprint under copyright law for one time events (i.e. wedding).

PRELUDE

You will need about 10-15 minutes of music before the liturgy begins as guests arrive and are seated. It can consist of instrumental, vocal, or both. All types of Christian music are appropriate here: classical, semi-classical, and contemporary in style. Typically couples will choose to have instrumental for the first portion of the prelude and 1-3 solos sung right before the ceremony begins. Other couples will sometimes choose to have only instrumental music. There are many options. Talk to your musicians for suggestions or you can include anything from the selections listed in this booklet.

PROCESSIONALS (*indicate those that can also be used as a recessional)

Classical selections:

- _____ "Air" from Water Music (G.F. Handel)
- _____ Canon in D (Johann Pachelbel)
- _____ Celebrated Air (J.S. Bach)
- _____ *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach)
- _____ Largo from "Xerxes" (G.F. Handel)
- _____ Trumpet Voluntary (Jeremiah Clarke)
- _____ *Ode to Joy (Beethoven)
- _____ Prelude No. 1 in CM (J.S. Bach)
- _____ *Trumpet Tune (Henry Purcell)
- _____ Wachet Auf from Cantata No 148 (J.S. Bach) [requires additional instrumentalist]
- _____ Gabriel's Oboe by Ennio Morricone

Contemporary selections:

- _____ "Angel Eyes" (Jim Brickman)
- _____ Canon in D (Pachelbel, arr. David Lanz)
- _____ Love is the Sunlight (Jeanne Cotter)
- _____ Return to the Heart (David Lanz)

Other suggestions: _____

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This is a psalm text that is sung. It occurs after the first reading. The congregation will be invited to sing the refrain and the cantor will sing the verses.

- _____ Ps 33 The Earth is Full of Beauty (by Jeanne Cotter, reprint refrain)
- _____ Ps 33 Blessed Are We (by Jeanne Cotter, reprint refrain)
- _____ Ps 34 Taste and See, #34 Gather (Haugen)
- _____ Ps 98 All the Ends of the Earth, #55 Gather (Haas, Haugen)
- _____ Ps 103 The Lord is Kind and Merciful (two versions)
_____ #58(Cotter) Gather _____ #59 Gather (Haugen)

- _____ **Ps 118 This is the Day, #65 Gather (Haugen)**
- _____ **Ps 118 This is the Day, #479 Black Book (Fisher)**
- _____ Ps 118 This is the Day, #64 Gather (Joncas)
- _____ **Ps 128 Blest Are Those Who Love You, #70 Gather**
- _____ Ps 145 I Will Praise Your Name, #76 Gather
- _____ Ps 148 Let All Praise the Name of the Lord (by Jeanne Cotter, reprint refrain)

BOLD psalms indicate the most popular selections that couples have chosen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The gospel acclamation is sung after the 2nd reading as the presider stands to read the Gospel.

- _____ Alleluia, Give the Glory, #733 Gather
- _____ Halle, Halle, Halle, #261 Gather
- _____ Celtic Alleluia, #266 Gather
- _____ Alleluia by Paul Prochaska (reprint refrain)
- _____ Honduras Alleluia, #271 Gather

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

These are sung only if you are having a Mass (with communion). It is suggested that you choose an entire "Mass Setting" which normally includes a Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen, and a Lamb of God. The numbers listed below correspond to all the numbers to be used within that setting. The following two are commonly known and used (although there are other options):

- _____ Mass of Creation (28, 29 (We Proclaim) or 30 (When We Eat), 32, and 33 Black Book)
- _____ Mass of Glory (20, 21, 24, and 27 Black Book)

COMMUNION SONG

You will need a communion song only if you are having a Mass (with communion). The communion song should be congregational which is a sign of our unity. Because many people will be processing to communion, it recommended that you choose a song that has an easily sung refrain.

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| _____ On Eagle's Wings, #593 Gather | _____ In Remembrance of You, #819 |
| _____ Blest Are They, #636 Gather | _____ I Am the Bread of Life, #822 Gather |
| _____ Here I Am Lord, #671 Gather | _____ Behold the Lamb, #824 Gather |
| _____ We Have Been Told, #694 Gather | _____ Table Song, #833 Gather |
| _____ We Are Many Parts, #727 Gather | _____ We Come to Your Feast, #814 Gather |
| _____ Song of the Body of Christ, #807 Gather | _____ Take and Eat this Bread, #839 Gather |
| _____ Let Us Be Bread, #808 Gather | _____ Ever on My Lips, #512 Black Book |
| _____ Take and Eat, #812 (Joncas) | _____ The Supper of the Lord, #527 Black Book |
| _____ One Bread, One Body, #813 Gather | _____ Taste and See, #827 Gather (Moore) |

RECESSIONALS (*indicate those that can also be used as a processional)

Classical selections:

- _____ Finale from Concerto No. 5 (G.F. Handel)
- _____ The Heaven's Declare the Glory of God (Benedetto Marcello)
- _____ Hornpipe (G.F. Handel)
- _____ *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach)
- _____ *Ode to Joy (Beethoven)
- _____ Rondeau (Jean Joseph Mouret)
- _____ "Sinfonia" from Solomon (G.F. Handel)
- _____ Te Deum (Marc Antoine Charpentier)

Contemporary selections:

- _____ Laughing with the Moon (Jeanne Cotter)
- _____ *Hymn to Joy (Beethoven, arr. Jeanne Cotter)
- _____ Mighty River (Jeanne Cotter)

OTHER SONGS SUITABLE FOR CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

The following songs can be used as gathering songs or for during the preparation of the gifts. Please note that the music during preparation of the gifts does not need to be a congregational song; instrumental music or a solo is appropriate here too. Just remember to keep a good balance between congregational singing and solo singing.

- _____ Cantic of the Sun, #495 Gather
- _____ For the Beauty of the Earth, #548 Gather
- _____ Gather Us In, #743 Gather
- _____ We Will Serve the Lord, #852 Gather
- _____ Love is the Sunlight, #855 Gather
- _____ When Love is Found, #856 Gather
- _____ God, in the Planning, #858 Gather
- _____ A Nuptial Blessing, #859 Gather
- _____ Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, #613 Gather
- _____ Ode to Joy (reprint, in public domain) **wedding text**
- _____ Here We Now Praise Our God and Father

**From the Lutheran Book of Worship. Please feel free to ask about music from other songbooks from your church or denomination. Many times you will find similar hymn tunes and titles that are well known in any religion.

VOCAL SOLOS

These selections may be used for preludes, unity candle, or meditation. These are only suggestions, there are others available.

- _____ Ave Maria (Franz Schubert or Charles Gounod)
- _____ And on This Day (Tina English)
- _____ Bless the Broken Road (by Hummon, Boyd, and Hannah)
- _____ Breathe (Marie Barnett)
- _____ Bridal Prayer (Roger Copeland)
- _____ Come and Journey With Me (David Haas)
- _____ Draw Me Close to You (Kelly Carpenter)
- _____ Faith, Hope and Love by Francis Patrick O'Brien (#609 Gather)
- _____ Grow Old with Me (John Lennon)
- _____ He Has Chosen You for Me (Pat Terry)
- _____ Household of Faith (John Rosasco)
- _____ How Beautiful (Twila Paris)
- _____ I Can Only Imagine (Bart Millard, recorded by MercyMe)

_____ I Could Sing of Your Love Forever (Martin Smith)
_____ I Will Be Here (Steven Curtis Chapman)
_____ In Love We Choose to Live (Jeanne Cotter)
_____ In This Very Room (Ron and Carol Harris)
_____ Love Never Fails (Ken Canedo and Jesse Manibusan)
_____ My Heart Belongs to You (Tom Booth)
_____ My Song Will Be For You Forever by David Haas (#615 Gather)
_____ The Prayer (recorded as duet, but can be sung by one singer)
_____ (Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster)
_____ Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts by Steven C. Warner (#611 Gather)
_____ Set Me As a Seal (Matt Maher, works especially well with 2 singers)
_____ Wedding Song (There is Love)
_____ Wherever You Go by David Haas (#860 Gather)
_____ You Raise Me Up (Rolf Lovland and Brendan Graham)

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