

The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage at Saint John's

There was a marriage at Cana in Galilee



Saint John's Episcopal Church

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The Sacrament of Marriage
at Saint John's Episcopal Church ~ Georgetown Parish
Washington, DC

Dear beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this couple in Holy Matrimony. The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.

(The Book of Common Prayer, 423)

Thus begins the wedding service commencing a journey of love and discovery that is meant to last a lifetime.

The following materials will help you prepare for your wedding in this historic parish. Saint John's is an Episcopal Church, the American expression of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and as such is bound by the discipline both of *The Book of Common Prayer* and the *Canons* (laws) of the Episcopal Church in America.

Our understanding is that in being married both parties are making a life-long commitment and desirous of a sacred and meaningful ceremony. For this reason we joyfully and seriously take you into our community to become to be joined by God and to make your love and fidelity to one another public, to the whole community of your family, your friends, and the people of God.

We are pleased that you have selected Saint John's, and we will endeavor to assist you in making your wedding day a spiritually-centered and memorable event.

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Introduction

It is suggested that couples consider making their wedding plans at least one year before the wedding date. All applications for marriage must be made no later than thirty days prior to the wedding date. If there have been prior marriages, at least sixty days must be allowed.

To secure your wedding date, the church must receive a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit which will be applied to the other wedding fees.

By Canon (Church) Law and by the rubrics (instructions) of *The Book of Common Prayer* at least one of the parties being married must be a baptized Christian.

Meeting with the Clergy & Pre-marital Preparation

Couples seeking to be married at Saint John's should first consult with our clergy prior to a date being set. After an initial meeting with the clergy, it can be determined if the wedding can be performed at Saint John's. During Lent there are normally no weddings.

The Episcopal Church requires that all couples who wish to be married in the Church give consideration to the seriousness of the commitment by participating in premarital preparation with a priest or pastoral counselor. It is assumed that by the time a couple has decided that they are ready to make the commitment to be married, they have done a lot of talking about their lives together and their expectations, hopes, and dreams. The preparation is intended to help clarify those expectations and identify the areas of difficulty as well as the strengths brought to the marriage.

If a couple resides in another area they may, with the advice and consent of the clergy, receive their premarital counseling by an Episcopal priest or other counselor in their locale. A letter from him/her will be required to confirm that such counseling has occurred. Consultation with other marriage professionals is considered on a case-by-case basis. Premarital counseling usually consists of two or three sessions of varying length. The counseling is tailored to the needs of each couple. It is the couple's responsibility to schedule these sessions commencing no later than sixty days prior to the wedding. At Saint John's, these sessions are scheduled between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. No plans should be made, nor invitations ordered, until you have met with a member of the parish clergy and begin the pre-marital counseling sessions.

If One or Both Have Been Divorced

Scripture states, and the Church has taught, that Holy Matrimony is intended to be a lifelong commitment; however, we are imperfect people living in an imperfect world. The safeguards designed to support the institution of marriage do not always work; furthermore, the negative consequences of living in a destructive or dysfunctional marriage may outweigh those of dissolution of the marriage. The commands of Scripture need to be considered within the context of redemption, forgiveness and new life. The issues that brought about the dissolution of one marriage,

however, may bring difficulties to a subsequent marriage unless dealt with in an intentional way. This reality needs to be given serious consideration in premarital preparation. It is also important to be aware of the complex inter-connectedness of a marriage that extends to others, especially when there are children involved.

If there has been a divorce in the life of one or both parties, a divorce decree must be presented to the clergy during pre-marital counseling. The clergy require certain information and original documents to be able to ask the bishop of The Diocese of Washington for permission to perform a wedding ceremony after a prior divorce. If either the bride or groom has been divorced more than one time the bishop requires that the couple undergo professional couples counseling. Also, the wedding may not take place until six months after one prior marriage, or one year after two or more prior marriages.

The Service

The service at Saint John's is performed under the directions and conditions of *The Book of Common Prayer "The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage"* on Page 423. The service is flexible enough to allow personalized aspects reflecting the experiences and backgrounds of the couple to be joined.

For Christian couples, it is always appropriate to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in conjunction with the wedding. The service is designed so that the Holy Communion portion flows naturally from the blessing of the marriage. It is our policy to invite all present to receive communion. The service will include readings from Holy Scripture and a homily. You may also include the singing of hymns and/or other music. Consult the officiating priest for the selection of scripture readings found beginning on Page 6 of this booklet. Suggestions for music selections can be found on Page 10 of this booklet.

Clergy from other Christian denominations may participate or officiate at weddings with the consent, advice, and counsel of the clergy of Saint John's Church. The clergy of Saint John's reserve the prerogative to be vested for the service. Saint John's liturgical associate will be vested and present to represent the parish at all weddings held at Saint John's. All aspects of the service and use of the liturgical space shall conform with the discipline of The Episcopal Church and the guidelines set forth in this booklet. A license to perform marriages in the District of Columbia is required of any officiating clergy. Any Episcopal priest from outside the Diocese of Washington must have written permis-

sion to officiate from both the bishop and the rector. All non-Episcopal clergy must have permission from the rector. The order of service or program for all weddings must be approved by the rector. Note that guidelines in this booklet apply regardless of who officiates at the service.

Music

Saint John's organist must be consulted soon after the initial meeting with the clergy to make arrangements for the music. The organist's contact information can be found on Page 1 of this booklet. Refer to Page 10 for detailed information on selecting your music.

Flowers

The celebration of Christian marriage is a holy occasion and flowers in the church support a wedding's spiritual purpose. The beauty, fragrance, and texture of flowers at a wedding symbolize God's creation and love and the abundance of God's blessing upon the couple.

Saint John's has its own florist, Stephen McLeod, who is solely responsible for all wedding flowers and decorations in, on, and around the church. Saint John's does not allow outside florists to adorn the church. Mr. McLeod is highly skilled in the floral arts, a member of the parish flower guild, and is well acquainted with Saint John's space and liturgical traditions.

Our guidelines require that altar flowers—placed on either side of the cross—must be provided and must remain after the wedding for use on Sunday.

If desired, Mr. McLeod is also available to provide personal flowers for the wedding party, and flowers for your reception. All arrangements in the church, *other than the altar flowers*, may be taken with you after the wedding.

Artificial flowers, including silk flowers, may not be used in the church flower arrangements. If there is more than one marriage scheduled for the same day, the cost of flowers may be shared. You should consult with our florist at least two months prior to the service. Mr. McLeod's contact information is found on Page 1 of this booklet.

Photography

The photographing, videotaping, and audio-recording during the service may not interfere with the

tone and movement of the service. You may re-enact certain portions of the service, if you desire, after the service is over. We require that you limit your photography time to thirty minutes following the service since the staff must clean and prepare the church for other services.

Please wait to hold the receiving line at the reception site.

Photographers and videographers may stand at the back of the church, side aisles or in the balcony and use available-light. No photographs are allowed in the chancel or near any musicians.

Please let all photographers know about our policies. Any questions should be discussed with the clergy or liturgical associate in advance.

Programs & Invitations

You are responsible for the printing of your wedding programs. Do not have your programs printed until it has been approved by the rector.

Participants

Include the names of the following:

The Rev. Dr. Albert Scariato, Rector

Jane K. Volkema, Liturgical Associate

Samuel J. Carabetta, Organist & Choirmaster

Location

3240 O Street NW, at the intersection of O and Potomac, one block west of Wisconsin Avenue.

Directions to the church

From Virginia: From the Key Bridge, make a right onto M Street. Take a left onto 33rd Street; make a right on O Street. Proceed just past Potomac Street and you will be in front of the church.

From DC and Maryland: Travel south on 355 (Wisconsin Avenue). Take a right onto P Street, followed by a left on 34th, followed by another left onto O Street. Proceed just past Potomac Street and you will be in front of the church.

The proper designation for indicating the location of the wedding on your invitation is:

Saint John's Church ~ Georgetown Parish
3240 O Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Parking

Street parking in Georgetown is free for a two-hour period Monday through Saturday, and free all day Sundays with no hourly limit. There are a number of public parking lots within a 2 to 3 block radius of the church.

Contact the Parish Secretary to check on the availability of limited off-street parking across the street from the church. The entrance to the off-street lot is on P Street at Hyde-Addison Elementary School. If available, the off street lot will be opened one hour prior to the wedding and close 45 minutes after the service or 45 minutes after the reception. Please advise your guests about the closing time to avoid any vehicles being locked in until the next business day. Smoking is not permitted in this parking lot.

Accessibility

The church is fully accessible to individuals with special needs. There is a ramp entrance on O Street and an elevator in the church can be located through the Potomac Street entrance.

Marriage License

Effective 11 September 2008, a blood test is no longer a requirement to obtain a marriage license in the District of Columbia.

The District of Columbia Superior Court Marriage Bureau is located at 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Room 4485, Washington, DC 20001 and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The telephone numbers are 202-879-4840 and 202-879-4843.

Allow at least five working days to process your license. Marriage licenses are not issued by mail. The license itself must be presented to the clergy no later than at the time of the rehearsal. If the marriage license is not received prior to the service, the service cannot take place.

Clergy from other Christian denominations may participate or officiate at weddings with the consent of the clergy of Saint John's Church. Clergy not licensed in the District of Columbia must be authorized by the Court and registered by the Marriage Bureau in order to perform legal marriages in the District. The full name of the intended celebrant must be given at the time of the application for verification and placement on the license.

Fees

(for weddings booked after September 2009)

You will notice fees that are applicable to "Members" and "Non-Members." The assumption with regard to membership is that a person has been attending Saint John's regularly for at least one year; has made and paid a financial pledge to the parish of at least \$1,500; and, has become known to the clergy through involvement in the life the congregation.

***All fees are due in the Parish Office
no later than 14 days prior to the ceremony.***

For the use of the church
by Members of Saint John's No fee
by Non-Members \$1,500
Check payable to: Saint John's Church

Minimum Honorarium for Clergy
by Members of Saint John's No fee
by Non-Members \$500
Check payable to: The Rev. Dr. Albert Scariato

Liturgical Associate
by Members of Saint John's No fee
by Non-Members \$200
Check payable to: J.K. Volkema

Organist \$500
Check payable to: Samuel Carabetta

Florist Varies on floral selections
Check payable to: Stephen McLeod

Sexton (*custodian*) \$100
Check payable to: Lorenzo Aliaga

Parish Hall/kitchen
by Members No fee
by Non-Members \$1,500
Check payable to: Saint John's Church

All fees stated above are subject to change, confirm fees with the Parish Receptionist, For instrumentalists or vocalists, bookings and/or rehearsals, additional fees will be determined in consultation with the organist.

Rehearsal

The rehearsal is normally held late in the afternoon the day before the wedding itself. All members of the wedding party and any readers are expected to be in attendance. No rehearsal will be held later than 5 p.m.

All rehearsals are expected to start on time and will end no later than one hour after the scheduled start time. Please note: rush hour traffic is especially heavy on Fridays, keep that in mind when making your itinerary.

Service participants should be selected before the time of the rehearsal. This includes those who will be escorting grandmothers and mothers down the aisle, as well as who will be reading the Bible passages.

At the rehearsal, the couple, along with two witnesses, will sign the Parish Register. Your witnesses must be no younger than 18 years of age.

Should there be a professional wedding consultant, this will be the time when s/he will coordinate her/his efforts under the supervision of the clergy and liturgical associate to make the wedding a prayerful, relaxed, and joyful experience.

It is not customary for the organist to attend the rehearsal.

Accommodations & Dressing

Saint John's can accommodate 300 people in the main church and about 35 people in the Chapel of the Carpenter.

Saint John's rectory is available if members of the wedding party require a place to change clothes. Please call the Parish Secretary, Kimm Bates at 202-338-1796 to reserve this space.

Wedding Day

No wedding will begin later than 6 p.m. All services are expected to start on time.

Advise the liturgical associate as to the times during which caterers or photographers will be arriving so that the church will be open.

Wedding parties are advised to arrive dressed rather than to dress at the church. Plan on arriving thirty minutes ahead of time for the ceremony. For those

not wishing to be seen by each other, individuals can be easily sequestered prior to the ceremony.

Experience has demonstrated that, owing to the size of the church, ***the maximum size of a wedding party should never exceed 12 participants, as described below:***

- ***five bridesmaids — including the maid of honor***
- ***five groomsmen — including the best man***
- ***two flower girls or two ring bearers OR one flower girl and one ring bearer***

Unity candles are not a custom in the marriage liturgy of the Episcopal Church and, therefore, will not be part of a marriage service at Saint John's.

Rice and confetti are not allowed to be thrown following a service. Flower petals may be used outside the church but not inside. Aisle runners are not allowed.

Alcohol & Smoking Policy

The consumption or use of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs on parish property before or after the service will not be tolerated.

If alcohol consumption is found prior to the service, the consequence will be immediate cancellation of the ceremony.

The only time alcohol is permitted at Saint John's for a marriage, is when served at wedding receptions held in our parish hall.

The use of illegal substances on parish property will be handled by the District of Columbia Police Department.

Smoking is not allowed on the grounds of Saint John's. Those who wish to smoke (cigarette, cigar or pipe) must go to the public sidewalk, no closer than 25-feet from any entrance.

Respecting the Worship Space

While we understand many of your guests will be excited to see each other or are meeting for the first time, the church is a sacred space and should be respected as such.

Please ask your ushers to remind guests to enter in silence and save greetings and conversation for the reception.

Readings from the Old Testament & Apocrypha

These may and should be read by a lay person.

Genesis 1:26-28

God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-25

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to

all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Ruth 1: 16-17

But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die-- there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly scorned."

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12

For two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Tobit 8:5b-8 (New English Bible Translation)

Tobias said to Sarah, "Sister, get up, and let us pray and implore our Lord that he grant us mercy and safety." So she got up, and they began to pray and implore that they might be kept safe. Tobias began by saying, "Blessed are you, O God of our ancestors, and blessed is your name in all generations forever. Let the heavens and the whole creation bless you forever. You made Adam, and for him you made his wife Eve as a helper and support. From the two of them the human race has sprung. You said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; let us make a helper for him like himself.' I now am taking this kinswoman of mine, not because of lust, but with sincerity. Grant that she and I may find mercy and that we may grow old together." And they both said, "Amen, Amen."

Readings from the Epistles

These may and should be read by a lay person.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Ephesians 3:14-19

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may

grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, 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.

Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in

the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1 John 4:7-16

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Readings from the Gospels

These may and should be read by a lay person if there is no Holy Eucharist. If there is Holy Eucharist, the Gospel must be read by the Celebrant, Officiant or Liturgical Associate.

Matthew 5:1-10

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It

is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Matthew 7:21, 24-29

Jesus said, "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 then who hears 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 beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!" Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Mark 10:6-9, 13-16

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "But 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, let no one separate." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My

hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good

wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 15:9-12

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Notes

Selecting your Music

All decisions regarding wedding music are to be made in consultation with the Sam Carabetta, Organist and Choirmaster. Mr. Carabetta's contact information can be found on Page 1 of this booklet.

Usually there is a:

Prelude during which the family members are seated along with guests.

Processional Music during which the wedding party makes their entrance and take their places.

Recessional Music during which the newly-married couple and wedding party walk down the aisle.

You may want to purchase or download recordings of some of the suggested pieces (to the right) to help you make your selections. Please note that the organ and the organist play repertoire written for the organ. In most cases, music written for symphony orchestra will not work.

As far as soloists, Saint John's Church is pleased to have many fine choristers who are available (for hire) to sing at your service. A partial list of suggested repertoire for soloist performance is found to the right.

During your consultation with the organist you may also request hiring additional musicians (trumpet, brass) for an additional fee.

You may not procure the services of outside musicians as worship in Saint John's Church is under the direction of our clergy and staff and all outside vocalists and/or musicians will be hired through Saint John's organist.

If hymns are desired, keep in mind how many of the guests come from traditions that know and sing hymns. Hymns that are well-known are recommended to ensure that a joyful sound will complement your ceremony. Suggested hymns can be found to the right.



Music Suggestions

	Prelude	Processional	Recessional
<i>Largo (Xerxes)</i> — G. F. Handel	✓		
<i>Sheep may Safely Graze</i> — J. S. Bach	✓		
<i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i> — J. S. Bach	✓	✓	
<i>Rigaudon</i> — Andre Campra	✓		✓
<i>Rondeau</i> — John Joseph Mouret		✓	✓
<i>Bridal Chorus (Lohengrin)</i> — Wagner		✓	
<i>Canon in D</i> — Pachelbel	✓	✓	
<i>Hornpipe (Water Music)</i> — G. F. Handel			✓
<i>Hymn to Joy</i> — L. van Beethoven			✓
<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i> — Jeremiah Clarke		✓	
<i>Trumpet Tune</i> — Henry Purcell			✓
<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i> — John Stanley		✓	✓
<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i> — Karg-Elert			✓
<i>Psalm 19</i> — Benedetto Marcello			✓
<i>Toccata (Symphony V)</i> — Widor			✓
<i>Tuba Tune in D Major</i> — C. S. Lang			✓
<i>Wedding March (Midsummer Night's Dream)</i> — Mendelssohn			✓

Suggested Solos

<i>Alleluia</i> — Mozart	<i>Ave Maria</i> — Bach
<i>Ave Maria</i> — Schubert	<i>Laudate Dominum</i> — Mozart
<i>Let the Bright Seraphim</i> — Handel	<i>Panis Angelicus</i> — Franck
<i>The Call</i> — Vaughan Williams	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i> — Malotte

Suggested hymns, found in the Hymnal 1982 used in the Episcopal Church. Hymn number is in parentheses

- Your love, O God, has called us here (353)
- Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty (362)
- Joyful, joyful we adore thee (376)
- Praise to the Lord, the almighty (390)
- Now thank we all our God (397)
- All Creatures of our God and King (400)
- All things bright and beautiful (405)
- Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (410)
- O Praise ye the Lord (432)
- We gather together (433)
- Be thou my vision (488)
- Christ is made the sure foundation (518)
- Love divine, all loves excelling (657)

Saint John's Church

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Application for Marriage

Date and time of service _____ Arrival time _____

Date and time of rehearsal (*no later than 5 p.m.*) _____

Has the couple discussed their desire to be married here with Saint John's clergy?

Yes No If no, you must meet with a member of the clergy before your application can be accepted.

Have either or both individuals been previously married?

Yes No If yes, you must meet with a member of the clergy before your application can be accepted.

Are either or both individuals member(s) of Saint John's?

Yes No

Personal Information: Complete sections **A** and **B** for each individual to be married.

A.

Full name _____ Date of birth _____

Home address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip code _____ Fax _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Email #1 _____ Email #2 _____

Baptismal date _____ Church _____

City _____ State _____ Denomination _____

If Confirmed give, Confirmation date _____ Church _____

City _____ State _____ Denomination _____

Full name of mother and hometown

_____ Hometown _____

Full name of father and hometown

_____ Hometown _____

B.

Full name _____ Date of birth _____

Home address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip code _____ Fax _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Email #1 _____ Email #2 _____

Baptismal date _____ Church _____

City _____ State _____ Denomination _____

If Confirmed give, Confirmation date _____ Church _____

City _____ State _____ Denomination _____

Full name of groom's mother and hometown

_____ Hometown _____

Full name of groom's father and hometown

_____ Hometown _____

Signature indicates that you have read, and agree to the policies contained herein Saint John's Marriage Booklet. At least one signature is required to secure your desired date and time of service.

Signature **A.** _____ Date _____

and/or

Signature **B.** _____ Date _____

To secure your desired date and time of service, return this signed application with a deposit of \$100 to:

Saint John's Church ~ Marriage Application
3240 O Street NW
Washington, DC 20007

Marriage Service Planner

Return with your application and deposit.

Date and time of service _____ Number of expected guests _____

Names to be used during the service : **A.** _____ **B.** _____

Telephone number where you can be reached during your reception _____

Do you want
pew candles? Yes No Clergy performing the ceremony _____

Will the ceremony include a presentation? BCP page 437 Yes No

Will there be Holy Eucharist? Yes No If yes, how many are expected to receive? _____

Old Testament reading _____ Name of reader _____

New Testament reading _____ Name of reader _____

Gospel reading _____ Name of reader _____

(If there will be Holy Eucharist, leave this one blank.)

***The maximum size of a wedding party should never exceed
12 participants, as described below***

five (5) bride's Maids — including the maid of honor *five (5) groomsmen — including the best man*
two (2) flower girls or two (2) ring bearers OR *one (1) flower girl and one (1) ring bearer*

Number of Bride's Maids - *including Maid of Honor*: one two three four five (*maximim*)

Number of Groom's Men - *including Best Man*: one two three four five (*maximim*)

Number of Flower Girls: one two Number of Ring Bearers one two

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.