

Dear Friends,

We are so honored that you are considering Holy Trinity for your wedding! Our beautiful, historic church is a wonderful place to bless a relationship to last a lifetime. Your wedding day is one that you will never forget, and we will endeavor to make that the case in the best way possible!

Our Episcopal wedding ceremony requires the priest to say these words at the beginning of the ceremony: "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." That means that we believe that marriage is not only a universal experience across human culture, but also a way that God himself reveals something about his love for each of us. A wedding ceremony is, therefore, a sacred occasion of worship for us.

In deciding on a wedding at Holy Trinity, you will be sharing in and embracing our long-standing liturgy, customs, and practices. These guide us both in our communal worship on Sundays and holy days as well as on special occasions like weddings.

Since weddings, by nature, tend to require significant planning and coordination for many participants, Holy Trinity asks that they be scheduled at least six months in advance. Accordingly, we have developed Wedding Guidelines to help ensure that your plans and expectations are consistent with the parish's ministry and customs. These outline who is eligible to be married at Holy Trinity, the accompanying fees, and vendor policies.

Once you have read through and familiarized yourself with the church's Wedding Guidelines, the next step is to contact Kelly Riccio in the Parish Office to set up a meeting with one of our priests. She can be reached at kelly@holytrinitywpb.org or 561.655.8650.

May God bless you at this exciting time in your life!

In Christ,

The Rev. R-J Heijmen, Rector

The Rev. D. J. Griffin, Associate Rector

General Information

The liturgy and ceremonial for a wedding at Holy Trinity always follow the Book of Common Prayer and our parish's customs. (See the Appendix for sample orders of service).

Holy Trinity must comply with the canons of the Episcopal Church as well as the laws of the State of Florida regarding matrimony.

Weddings at Holy Trinity take place at an altar of the church. The nave (main worship space) seats up to 300 people comfortably, and our parking lot can accommodate about 85 vehicles. Small weddings up to 25 people can still take place at the High Altar with the congregation sitting in the chancel (choir) or at St. Mary's Altar in the Side Chapel (north arm of the church). Only one wedding will take place on any given day.

One of the Clergy of Holy Trinity will officiate the service. If you wish to have the participation of other clergy, please talk to the Rector who can extend any invitation to other clergy at his discretion.

Weddings are normally held on Saturdays and must begin between 10am and 6pm. Alternatively, weddings may be held on Fridays between 3pm and 6pm. Weddings are never held on Sundays, Christmas Eve or Day, or during the last two weeks of Lent. The service lasts between 30 minutes and an hour. On the day of the wedding, the entire wedding party must arrive 60 minutes before the service is scheduled to begin, but not earlier than two hours.

The wedding rehearsal is scheduled for the day before the wedding. The wedding license will be signed by the couple and witnesses immediately before the rehearsal. The officiating priest will sign the license following the wedding. Please do not forget to procure a license from Palm Beach County! The Clergy cannot solemnize the wedding without one! Once the license is issued, the wedding must take place within 60 days prior to the marriage license's expiration date.

We want to make sure we get to know you, so all our communication will be with you, the couple, not with parents or wedding planners.

Due to the particular needs of our space and campus, the Parish must approve all vendors for flowers, catering, and photography.

Requirements

At least one of the spouses-to-be must be baptized (by water, using any method, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit).

Usually one member of the couple, or at least one of their parents or grandparents, is a member of this parish. Other couples who live locally will be asked to begin participating in the life and worship of this parish as part of their preparation, and enrolling as members of Holy Trinity, making a promise to attend the next new member class at the church. We understand that every situation is unique, and we are open to considering weddings for couples residing outside of Palm Beach County or who may not meet the above requirements. The final decision regarding every wedding request rests with our Clergy.

Remarriage after Divorce

The Episcopal Church is open to the remarriage of divorced persons, but it does require requesting permission from the Bishop of Southeast Florida, which can take up to 90 days to process. In no case is the intended marriage to take place in less than six months following the official termination of the prior marriage.

Among the items that must be included in the letter of petition from the priest to the Bishop are: (1) Evidence that at least one of the participants is an active communicant in the Episcopal Church; (2) Evidence that the causes of the prior divorce are not present in the present relationship, and that the proposed marriage will, in all likelihood, be a lasting one; (3) Evidence that any children resulting from the dissolved marriage are being cared for with compassion and love; (4) Evidence of the dates of the previous marriage and proof of legal termination; and, (5) A statement reflecting the commitment of the partners in the intended marriage to the Church and to having God at the center of their marriage and their home.

Premarital Counseling

The Clergy are required by the canons of the Episcopal Church and the laws of the State of Florida to provide adequate premarital counseling for all couples being married in this parish. The date and time of the counseling (minimum 3 hours) will be established at the time of the initial interview. Counseling may be performed by the Clergy or a designated qualified representative.

Candles

The six candles on the High Altar retable (marble shelf) are always lit. If there is to be Communion, two candles will also be placed on the Communion Table and lit.

If additional candles are desired, there are two seven-branch candelabras that can be placed at either side of the High Altar. There are also twelve torches that are available to be affixed to the end of every third pew. These are offered at no additional cost.

Unity candles may not be used in the church.

Flowers and Decorations

You are the contact for your florist. Due to the particular needs of our space, the Parish needs to approve your vendor.

Two floral arrangements are permitted on the marble pedestals located on either side of the High Altar. All flowers used at the High Altar must be natural – no artificial or silk flowers may be used. Bows may only be used with pew arrangements. All containers must be waterproof.

Assign someone to distribute any corsages or boutonnieres to your wedding party on the wedding day.

The only other decorations that may be used in the church are markers on the pews. These markers may be natural greenery and/or a small spray of flowers. These markers are to be attached with a clamp or tied on using ribbon or wire.

No tacks or tape of any kind may be used in any of the church facilities.

Because of the danger of tripping, the use of an aisle runner is not permitted.

A guest registry book may be placed in the Narthex (entry).

Before finalizing your plans, please discuss any deviations with the Clergy or the Parish Wedding Coordinator.

Alcohol Policy

Alcoholic drinks may only be served at a Rehearsal Dinner or Reception in the Parish Hall and Courtyard, and this is limited to beer and wine. Aside from this allowance and the wine at Holy Communion, no other alcohol may be consumed anywhere on campus at any time. Wedding party members, including the Bride or Groom, who arrive on campus intoxicated will be asked to leave, and the ceremony may be canceled.

Wedding Programs

The church prepares and prints a program for the wedding to enable everyone to participate fully in the liturgy. The contents and design of this bulletin follow Holy Trinity's customary format. It does not include photos or special artwork. Please note that the names of those in the wedding party will be printed as provided by the couple, without titles. Full names may be used, space permitting. Prior to being printed, the couple will proof the entire bulletin for accuracy.

Wedding Coordinators

Holy Trinity has its own Parish Wedding Coordinator who, along with the Clergy, will assist you in planning your service at the church. Independent wedding coordinators or planners are not permitted to have any part in planning the service. They may assist the couple's preparation in the Groom's and Bride's areas and in the planning of Rehearsal Dinners or Receptions that may be held on campus. In such cases, all outside wedding coordinators must work with the direction our Parish Wedding Coordinator.

Closing Procedures

Please keep in mind that we are a working church, and the facility must be ready for Sunday services.

Please assign someone to coordinate clean-up. The facility should be returned to the same condition it was in before the event. You are responsible for cleaning up any of the areas used and restoring all items to their original location.

Before leaving the premises, be sure that all trash, litter, etc. is collected and removed to the large dumpster located at the back of the playground and Choir House in the back parking lot.

Designate a friend or family member to be responsible for gathering up any personal items and removing them from the Church premises.

Miscellaneous

The throwing of rice, bird seed, confetti, or the equivalent is not permitted on the premises.

No tape, nails, tacks, screws, glue, florist putty, etc., is to be put on any surfaces in or outside the buildings.

We recommend that you provide a small snack and non-alcoholic beverages for the Wedding Party before the service in the dressing areas.

The Wedding Party, including the bride and her attendants, should be at the church at least one hour before the wedding. If they intend to dress at the church, they should arrive two hours before the wedding.

Photography & Videography Guidelines

- All contractors will strictly follow these guidelines and all verbal instructions given by Holy Trinity staff.
- Due to the needs of our space and liturgy, all photographers/videographers need to be approved by the Parish.
- All couples receive these instructions and agree to these guidelines as part of deciding to have their wedding at Holy Trinity.
- Because a wedding is a service of worship, opportunities for photography are limited to these guidelines, even if members of the wedding party arrive late.
- All contractors working at Holy Trinity represent the church, whether hired by the church or by the couple. Their conduct and demeanor reflect on the parish and must not bring dishonor upon either the parish or the couple. All contractors will dress appropriately.
- Photographers may not direct Holy Trinity staff in any way. They may request that staff members move or stand in a certain place, but the staff's work and pastoral presence take precedence over the needs of the photographer.
- Equipment, bags, and cases will be stored in a reasonable way that that does not prove unsightly or pose a safety hazard.
- Photographers must work with the lighting in the church as it stands. We can adjust the house lights and natural light to the best of our ability. Vendors may not install their own lighting equipment in the worship space.
- As soon as the prelude music has begun – and during the processional and entire service – there is no flash photography.
- Photographers are not permitted to occupy any space in the center aisle, including all the way back to the main door, until the entire procession has walked up the aisle and the processional music has concluded. Photographer must not impede the congregation's view of the service.

- Photographers may not stand, lean, or perch on any furnishing or fixture, nor may they move any item in the church.
- After the service – when the wedding party has returned to the church for photographs – the photographic session is strictly limited to half an hour. If clergy are expected to participate in the photographic session, they should be requested to do so prior to the service and be photographed at the beginning of the session.
- Videography is permitted by the stationary location of video camera(s) and microphone(s), which must be approved by the Clergy.
- The Clergy, Organist, Altar Guild, and Holy Trinity staff are all aware of these rules and have the authority to offer further instructions and to dismiss from the premises any photographer/videographer not following these guidelines.

Music Guidelines

Our standard wedding fee includes the services of our Organist and Director of Music, Mace Graham. If he is unavailable for your wedding, he will secure the services of another qualified organist.

No recorded music will be used during the service; only live music is permitted.

Wedding music is planned in consultation with Mr. Graham, who may be reached at the church office during regular office hours (561.655.8650). The couple may come with requests and/or ideas about specific music, but they should certainly feel no obligation to do so; Mr. Graham is prepared to offer suggestions of music suitable for the service.

Since, in our tradition, a wedding is not just a ceremony but a service, the music must be appropriate for worship. Sacred music – either instrumental or vocal, with texts from Holy Scripture, the Book of Common Prayer, the Hymnal, or other theologically consistent sources – is considered most appropriate. Secular classical music may also be considered appropriate depending upon the piece. Pop songs, film music, etc. will not be used. However, contemporary Christian music with integrity will be considered. The final decision regarding music rests with the Director of Music.

If a soloist, either vocal or instrumental is requested, the soloist is to be a skilled, trained singer/instrumentalist, and the Director of Music will assist the couple in obtaining a professional musician.

Additional fees will be applied for the soloist(s), as well as a fee to the Director of Music for contracting the soloist(s) and an additional fee for each rehearsal with the soloist(s). Any composing, trans- position or arranging of music specifically for the wedding will be charged on a per hour basis. Please see the Fees page for more information.

Please contact the Organist/Director of Music no later than six months prior to the wedding date. The deadline for finalization of wedding music is one month prior to the wedding date. No exceptions will be made.

Wedding Fees

Standard Fees

\$1,000 for Members and \$6,000 for Non-Members

The above includes all church fees: Altar Guild assistance, organist, service leaflets, sextons, and the officiating priest. This fee is non-refundable and must be paid in full to Holy Trinity two weeks prior to the wedding date.

Deposit

\$150 for Members and \$350 for Non-Members

The deposit secures the calendar date for your Wedding and may be refunded to you after the event (or deducted from the final payment), provided all payments have been made and the facility has been cleaned and left in good order. The full deposit or any portion thereof may be retained to cover any repair of damage or required clean-up of the facility. The deposit is due, along with a completed Application for Holy Matrimony, at the time your wedding date becomes official on the church calendar.

Security Fee

A fee of \$250 is required for any event held at or after 6 pm for the security of your guests and personal property in and around the church premises. This does not, however, hold Holy Trinity liable for any losses occurring during your wedding or other events held on the church property.

Parish Hall Rental Fees

# of People	Members	Non-Member
100-200	\$650	\$1,200
50-99	\$400	\$900

This fee covers the use of the Parish Hall and Kitchen. This fee does not include the use of the kitchen utensils, plates, glassware, and linens. These items are an additional \$350. Tables and chairs are included in the price of the Parish Hall.

Additional Fees

Solo vocalist	\$100 to \$150
Solo instrumentalist	\$100 to \$150
Contracting	\$50 per person contracted
Additional rehearsals	\$50 per rehearsal
Composition, transposition, or arranging	\$50 per hour

These fees are effective as of August 2023 and are subject to change. The applicable fees will be those in effect upon the date of the signing of this document.

Acknowledgment of Understanding

We have received the Wedding Guidelines from the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, including the photography and music guidelines. We understand, acknowledge, and accept these guidelines.

Further, we accept responsibility for communicating with our other wedding contractors about these guidelines and the limitations and responsibilities of their work at Holy Trinity.

We agree that, should any of our guests or contractors violate these guidelines or cause a disruption or cancellation of the service, we release and hold harmless Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, its clergy, staff, contractors, and volunteers from any and all liability, and we agree that we will not be entitled to any refund of fees.

Most importantly, we commit to entering into a relationship of trust and goodwill with our officiating priest so that, together, we can lead our family and loved ones in an uplifting and joyful celebration of God's love for us in our marriage.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE, ORDER 1A

OPENING ADDRESS

Dearly beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman 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 signifieth unto us the mystery of the union betwixt Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commendeth it to be honored among all people.

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Into this holy union *N.N.* and *N.N.* now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else for ever hold your peace.

I require and charge you both, here in the presence of God, that if either of you know any reason why ye may not be united in marriage lawfully, and in accordance with God's Word, ye do now confess it.

THE DECLARATION OF CONSENT

The Priest says to the woman

N., wilt thou have this man to be thy husband; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as ye both shall live?

The Woman answers

I will.

The Priest says to the man

N., wilt thou have this woman to be thy wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as ye both shall live?

The Man answers

I will.

The Priest then addresses the congregation, saying

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

People **We will.**

[Who gives this woman to be married to this man?]

A hymn or anthem may follow.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

O gracious and everliving God, who hast created us male and female in thine image: Look mercifully upon this man and this woman who come unto thee seeking thy blessing, and assist them with thy grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Then a passage from Holy Scripture is read. The following passages are suggested.

Genesis 1:26-28 (Male and female he created them)

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-24 (A man cleaves to his wife and they become one flesh)

Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7 (Many waters cannot quench love)

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1 John 4:7-16 (Let us love one another for love is of God)
Matthew 5:1-10 (The Beatitudes)
Matthew 5:13-16 (You are the light...Let your light so shine)
Matthew 7:21, 24-29 (Like a wise man who built his house upon the rock)
Mark 10:6-9, 13-16 (They are no longer two but one)
John 15:9-12 (Love one another as I have loved you)

THE HOMILY

THE MARRIAGE

The Man, facing the woman and taking her right hand in his, says

In the Name of God, I, N., take thee, N., to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

Then they loose their hands, and the Woman, still facing the man, takes his right hand in hers, and says

In the Name of God, I, N., take thee, N., to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

They loose their hands. The Priest may ask God's blessing on the rings as follows

Bless, O Lord, these rings to be signs of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The giver places the ring on the ring finger of the other's hand and says

N., I give thee this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor thee, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Then the Priest joins the right hands of husband and wife and says

Now that N. and N. have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of rings, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

All standing, the Priest says

Let us pray together in the words our Savior taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world thou hast made, and for which thy Son gave his life, and especially upon this man and this woman whom thou makest one flesh in Holy Matrimony. **Amen.**

Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. **Amen.**

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in thy will, and their spirits in thy Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with thee and one another all the days of their life. **Amen.**

[Bestow on them, if it is thy will, the gift and heritage of children, and the grace to bring them up to know thee, to love thee, and to serve thee. **Amen.**]

Grant that the bonds of our common humanity, by which all thy children are united one to another, and the living to the dead, may be so transformed by thy grace, that thy will

may be done on earth as it is in heaven; where, O Father, with thy Son and the Holy Spirit, thou livest and reignest in perfect unity, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

The people remain standing. The husband and wife kneel, and the Priest says

Most gracious God, we give thee thanks for thy tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of the cross to be the way of life. We thank thee, also, for consecrating the union of man and woman in his Name. By the power of thy Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of thy blessing upon this man and this woman. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death. Finally, in thy mercy, bring them to that table where thy saints feast for ever in thy heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

or this

O God, who hast so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity betwixt Christ and his Church: Send therefore thy blessing upon these thy servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The husband and wife still kneeling, the Priest adds this blessing

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The newly married couple may kiss.

THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE, ORDER 1B (NUPTIAL COMMUNION)

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THE HOMILY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Grant that their wills may be so knit together in thy will, and their spirits in thy Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with thee and one another all the days of their life. **Amen.**

Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and thine. **Amen.**

Make their life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair. **Amen.**

[Bestow on them, if it is thy will, the gift and heritage of children, and the grace to bring them up to know thee, to love thee, and to serve thee. **Amen.**]

Give them such fulfillment of their mutual affection that they may reach out in love and concern for others. **Amen.**

Grant that all married persons who have witnessed these vows may find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed. **Amen.**

Grant that the bonds of our common humanity, by which all thy children are united one to another, and the living to the dead, may be so transformed by thy grace, that thy will may be done on earth as it is in heaven; where, O Father, with thy Son and the Holy Spirit, thou livest and reignest in perfect unity, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

The people remain standing. The husband and wife kneel, and the Priest says

Most gracious God, we give thee thanks for thy tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of the cross to be the way of life. We thank thee, also, for consecrating the union of man and woman in his Name. By the power of thy Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of thy blessing upon this man and this woman. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death. Finally, in thy mercy, bring them to that table where thy saints feast for ever in thy heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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O God, who hast so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity betwixt Christ and his Church: Send therefore thy blessing upon these thy servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The husband and wife still kneeling, the Priest adds this blessing

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The newly married couple may kiss.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The newly married couple joins the Priest behind the altar rail for the consecration. They may bring the gifts of bread and wine with them. A hymn or anthem may be sung.

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the love of wife and husband, thou hast given us an image of the heavenly Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her bridegroom, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who loveth her and gave himself for her, that he might make the whole creation new.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The couple receives Holy Communion with the Priest and, if desired, the congregation.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious: We give thee thanks for binding us together in these holy mysteries of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Grant that by thy Holy Spirit, N. and N., now joined in Holy Matrimony, may become one in heart and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who love thee; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Priest gives a final blessing.

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The Priest may present the couple one more time before the wedding party leaves.

THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE, ORDER 2A

OPENING ADDRESS

Dearly beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman 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 union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Into this holy union *N.N.* and *N.N.* now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else for ever hold your peace.

I require and charge you both, here in the presence of God, that if either of you know any reason why you may not be united in marriage lawfully, and in accordance with God's Word, you do now confess it.

THE DECLARATION OF CONSENT

The Priest says to the woman

N., will you have this man to be your husband; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

The Woman answers

I will.

The Priest says to the man

N., will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

The Man answers

I will.

The Priest then addresses the congregation, saying

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

People **We will.**

[Who gives this woman to be married to this man?]

A hymn or anthem may follow.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O gracious and everliving God, you have created us male and female in your image: Look mercifully upon this man and this woman who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Then a passage from Holy Scripture is read. The following passages are suggested.

Genesis 1:26-28 (Male and female he created them)

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Matthew 5:13-16 (You are the light...Let your light so shine)
Matthew 7:21, 24-29 (Like a wise man who built his house upon the rock)
Mark 10:6-9, 13-16 (They are no longer two but one)
John 15:9-12 (Love one another as I have loved you)

THE HOMILY

THE MARRIAGE

The Man, facing the woman and taking her right hand in his, says

In the Name of God, I, N., take you, N., to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

Then they loose their hands, and the Woman, still facing the man, takes his right hand in hers, and says

In the Name of God, I, N., take you, N., to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

They loose their hands. The Priest may ask God's blessing on the rings as follows

Bless, O Lord, these rings to be signs of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The giver places the ring on the ring finger of the other's hand and says

N., I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Then the Priest joins the right hands of husband and wife and says

Now that N. and N. have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of rings, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

All standing, the Celebrant says

Let us pray together in the words our Savior taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon this man and this woman whom you make one flesh in Holy Matrimony. **Amen.**

Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. **Amen.**

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their life. **Amen.**

[Bestow on them, if it is your will, the gift and heritage of children, and the grace to bring them up to know you, to love you, and to serve you. **Amen.**]

Grant that the bonds of our common humanity, by which all your children are united one to another, and the living to the dead, may be so transformed by your grace, that your

will may be done on earth as it is in heaven; where, O Father, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign in perfect unity, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

The people remain standing. The husband and wife kneel, and the Priest says

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of the cross to be the way of life. We thank you, also, for consecrating the union of man and woman in his Name. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this man and this woman. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death. Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that table where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

or this

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The husband and wife still kneeling, the Priest adds this blessing

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The newly married couple may kiss.

THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE, ORDER 2B (NUPTIAL COMMUNION)

OPENING ADDRESS

Dearly beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman 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 union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Into this holy union *N.N.* and *N.N.* now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else for ever hold your peace.

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THE DECLARATION OF CONSENT

The Priest says to the woman

N., will you have this man to be your husband; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

The Woman answers

I will.

The Priest says to the man

N., will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

The Man answers

I will.

The Priest then addresses the congregation, saying

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

People **We will.**

[Who gives this woman to be married to this man?]

A hymn or anthem may follow.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O gracious and everliving God, you have created us male and female in your image: Look mercifully upon this man and this woman who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Then a passage from Holy Scripture is read. The following passages are suggested.

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A hymn may follow. A Gospel passage is always read, the following being suggested.

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THE HOMILY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the love of wife and husband, you have given us an image of the heavenly Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her bridegroom, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who loves her and gave himself for her, that he might make the whole creation new.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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