Weddings at All Saints'

All Saints'
Episcopal Church

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH WEDDING PREPARATION GUIDE

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND MARRIAGE

Christian marriage is a sacred and public commitment made in the presence of God. When you choose to be married in the Episcopal Church and at All Saints', you are choosing not just a beautiful setting, but a community that will celebrate, support and pray for your life together. The marriage rites of The Episcopal Church reflect what we believe about love, faith and God's presence in our relationships and they offer a meaningful way to bless your covenant.

The Episcopal Church affirms that God's love is reflected in many faithful relationships. At All Saints', we are honored to celebrate and bless the marriage of loving, committed couples, regardless of gender. We will also offer a church blessing for couples who have already been married civilly.

Marriage in the Church is rooted in care, prayer and community. All couples preparing for marriage at All Saints' are required to spend time in premarital preparation and counseling sessions with the priest who will conduct their wedding ceremony. These sessions invite reflection, honest communication and thoughtful preparation for married life.

Your wedding day marks the beginning of a shared journey. Staying connected to a faith community can offer grounding and encouragement as you grow together. Whether or not you have a church background, we warmly invite you to see All Saints' as a place of welcome and support-on your wedding day and beyond.

YOUR WEDDING AT ALL SAINTS'

We are glad you are here.

This booklet is designed to guide you as you prepare for the celebration and blessing of your marriage at All Saints'. In the pages that follow, you will find:

* The Church's understanding of marriage and who may be married at All Saints'.
* How weddings are celebrated at All Saints'.
* A general timeline for your All Saints' wedding.

The Church's understanding of marriage/Who may be married at All Saints'

Couples come to All Saints' for many reasons—family connections, the beauty of the space, a sense of tradition, or a desire for something sacred and meaningful. Wherever you are, you are welcome here.

Many couples who marry here:

* Are members or are exploring our faith community.
* Have family ties to All Saints' Episcopal Church or our Day School.
* Are new to church life but curious about faith.
* Come from a variety of religious backgrounds-or none at all.

You do not need to be a member of All Saints', or of any church, to be married here. One partner must be baptized, which can also be accomplished here prior to marriage. We simply ask that couples be willing to:

* Freely and knowingly consent to marriage.
* Undertake premarital counseling sessions with our clergy.
* Approach the marriage service as a sacred moment with the intention of lifelong commitment.
* Respect the traditions and practices of All Saints'.

If your church home is elsewhere, but you feel drawn to be married at All Saints', we are happy to work together. An All Saints' priest will oversee the rehearsal and ceremony. Our priest and wedding coordinator can answer your questions ahead of scheduling your wedding here.

If either partner has been divorced, additional conversation and preparation is required, which our priest will guide you through. This includes:

* Completing an Application for Remarriage.
* Submitting documentation of the divorce.
* Receiving approval from the Bishop.

How weddings are celebrated at All Saints'

If you are interested in setting a date for your wedding at All Saints', the FIRST step is to contact the Church office and set a meeting with the Rector of our parish. We cannot confirm your wedding date and time UNTIL this meeting has been held. Please do NOT make any plans, especially those that involve expense, until this meeting has taken place. Our Church Office number is 602.279.5539.

Once the Rector discerns with the couple that the marriage can be celebrated at All Saints', we will confirm your wedding date and time. Thereafter, you will be connected with our Wedding Coordinator, who will be your point-person during the wedding planning process at the Church and will be present to coordinate your Rehearsal and Wedding in the church. The priest will preside over the Rehearsal and Wedding Ceremony.

The Spaces

* The Nave (main sanctuary) seats up to 450 guests.
* The Chapel of the Holy Innocents seats up to 50 guests.
* Outdoor locations MAY be available and considered seasonally.

Clergy

The Rector assigns clergy for weddings. Requests may be made, though availability cannot be guaranteed. Visiting clergy may participate with approval of the Rector and this should be discussed at the initial Rector meeting.

Choosing a Date and Time

Weddings usually take place on Saturdays, with services beginning between 10:00am and 3:30pm. When available, weddings can be arranged on weekdays, at a time to be determined. Unless approved by the Rector, no weddings take place on Sunday or during the Church seasons of Lent and Advent, nor on Christmas Eve. Generally, holiday weekends throughout the year are not available.

The Service and Order of Worship

* Wedding liturgies at All Saints' follow the rites of *The Book of Common Prayer* and other appropriate liturgical resources in the Episcopal Church. Your priest will guide you through the available options within the service. Communion is available, but not required as part of your wedding service.
* All readings must be from Holy Scripture and are taken from the New Revised Standard Version. Poetry and other works can also be included, though not as a substitute for lessons. These can be discussed with your priest when planning your service.
* All Saints' will provide a "Printed Order of Service" program for your guests that will detail your ceremony and help your guests to fully participate in the service. It can also include the names of your wedding party and photos. The Order of Service is required and will be printed at All Saints'.

Flowers and Candles

* Altar flowers are provided by All Saints' and included in the wedding fee. Our wedding coordinator will provide you choices in floral colors and designs available to you.
* If you desire other floral arrangements, our wedding coordinator can work with you, utilizing our florist. These arrangements will need to be removed following your ceremony and photographs. There will be additional fees for these arrangements.
* Pew torches, with or without flowers, are available for an additional fee. They are placed at the ends of certain pews.
* Altar flowers remain in the church, as a memorial gift, for our Sunday worship services, in thanksgiving and celebration for your wedding. We also honor your wedding in our Sunday services bulletin.
* Candles are always lit around the altar during the wedding.
* The Unity Candle ceremony is not used at All Saints'.
* Rice, birdseed, confetti, petals and bubbles are not permitted.

Music

Music is a rich and beautiful tradition at All Saints' and our Director of Music will work with you, whether you know exactly what you would like or haven't given it any thought. Music is most often played on the organ or piano, but we can incorporate other instruments as well. The organ makes a more grand, stately ceremony, while the piano (especially with, for example, a violin soloist) creates a more intimate space of beauty and grace. Generally speaking, piano often works better for smaller services, while the organ tends to work better for larger groups.

Please bear in mind that choices need to reflect a wedding's worshipful nature; a good guideline is that musical selections must be sacred in nature. The Rector has final say in what is permitted. Our wedding coordinator will arrange a meeting with the church Director of Music several months before your wedding. Organ or piano is included in the church fee. Other musician fees are additional.

Photographer/Videographer

Once you have selected your photographer/videographer(s), please provide their name and contact information to the Wedding Coordinator, who will acquaint them with our requirements concerning the taking of photos and video. Please note we require a $2 million-dollar insurance rider be provided by the vendor(s) in advance of the wedding. Camera persons should be appropriately attired.

At your initial meeting, the Wedding Coordinator will outline guidelines for photography/videography, covering the time before, during and after the ceremony.

About the Wedding Coordinator

The goal of the Coordinator is to make your wedding planning and wedding ceremony smooth and meaningful. The meeting intervals will vary depending on your needs, but an initial meeting will be held in person after your wedding date is confirmed on the calendar at All Saints'. The coordinator will also be present for your Rehearsal and Wedding. In the meantime, there will be emails containing important reminders sent and the coordinator will be available to answer your questions via phone call, text or email. Never hesitate to reach out and no question is a "bad question!"

THE REHEARSAL

Rehearsals are typically held at 3:30pm on the day before the wedding and take about one hour. The clergy will conduct the rehearsal and the wedding coordinator will be present. Please note the following:

* We will walk through the choreography of the wedding from start to finish so that everyone knows where and when to sit, stand and kneel.
* Anyone involved in the ceremony needs to be in attendance, including all members of the wedding party, ushers, anyone reading a lesson, anyone else taking part in the actual wedding ceremony and anyone who will be specially seated prior to the ceremony.
* It is important that all be in the church and ready for the Rehearsal at least 15 minutes prior to the start time. We will start at the designated time.

THE DAY!

This will be one of the most wonderful and impactful days of your life. We will do everything we can to make it everything you dreamed it would be. With that in mind:

* You are welcome to dress at the Church. We can accommodate you up to two (2) hours before the ceremony.
* If you are arriving dressed, please arrive no later than 45 minutes before the ceremony.
* We are a non-smoking or vaping, non-alcoholic campus. Please be respectful of this.
* Wedding photos can be taken UP TO 45 minutes before the ceremony begins. Thereafter, the church will be cleared in preparation for your guests to arrive.
* We ask that Receiving Lines be delayed to your Reception.
* The Church will remain available to you for 45 minutes following the ceremony.
* Pets and Animals: Other than service animals, no animals are allowed in the Church during the service.

FEES AND PAYMENTS

* To reserve your wedding date, a non-refundable deposit of $500 is due after your initial meeting with the Rector, at the time we place your wedding on the calendar.
* Final payment for additional floral arrangements, music and wedding fees is due in full one (1) week before the wedding, when you bring the marriage license to the Church office.

WEDDING FEES AND DONATIONS

DEPOSIT: A non-refundable deposit of $500 is due at the time the wedding date is confirmed and placed on the calendar. This applies to All Saints' members, legacy and non-members.

All wedding packages include:

* Facility use for rehearsal and ceremony (up to 5 hours total).
* Director of Music meeting and organist fee.
* Altar flowers-standard. Additional fees will be added for enhancement to standard flowers and any additional arrangements.
* Pre-marital counseling sessions (up to 6 hours).
* Wedding coordinator for planning, rehearsal and wedding day.
* Order of Service leaflet.
* Wedding planning packet.
* Use of dressing rooms, storage area.
* Sexton fees.

Available for additional fees:

* Soloist, musicians (strings, etc.)-TBD
* Pew Torches in Nave/Sanctuary-$40/pair
* Fresh flowers for Pew Torches-TBD based on selections

CURRENT ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH MEMBERS:

* $3500-Church
* $2500-Chapel

LEGACY:

* Legacy includes Day School graduates.
* Family of deceased Parish members.
* Family of prior Parish members as approved by Rector.
* $4250-Church
* $3250-Chapel

NON-MEMBERS:

* $5000-Church
* $4000-Chapel

A wedding is a sacramental rite and priests do not charge for the rite. If you wish, however, to make a tax-deductible donation (to the extent permitted by law) to the priests' discretionary fund, a suggested amount of $200-$300 is customary. These funds help support those in need within our church and the broader community.

** If the above fees present a financial hardship, please speak with your priest at the time of booking.

Final Thoughts

Your wedding is not just a single day-it is the beginning of a shared life rooted in love, commitment and hope. We are honored that you are considering All Saints' as the place where your marriage will be celebrated and blessed.

Whether you are deeply rooted in faith, exploring spiritual questions, or seeking a meaningful place to begin married life, you are welcome here. We hope you will continue to join us for worship, fellowship and community in the years to come.

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