



# Wedding Guidelines

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### Weddings at Church of the Holy Trinity

#### A Letter from the Rector

We are thrilled to host your wedding, and hope you will find our church to be *just* the right place for this special day. We take our work as ministers of Christ seriously and joyfully, and undertake to provide you with a wonderful experience. Please take a few minutes to review our guidelines as you get ready to embark on this journey. We will spend time together making sure this is the wedding you want, and we will gladly bestow God's blessing on you as the newly married couple.

Peace and prayers,

The Rev. Susanna DesMarais  
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## MARRIAGE IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Marriage is a solemn sacramental rite in the Episcopal tradition. A sacrament consists of an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. The principal part of the outward and visible sign of marriage is the lawful union of a man and a woman brought about through the wedding ceremony. The inward grace of marriage is the presence and power of God given inwardly to the man and woman for them to use (when they do not have the power of themselves) to keep the vows and promises they have made. The “Catechism” of the *Book of Common Prayer* reads, “Holy Matrimony is Christian Marriage, in which the woman and man enter into a lifelong union, make their vows before God and the Church, and receive the grace and blessing of God to help them fulfill their vows.”

A wedding, therefore, involves not just the couple, but also God and the Church – God’s people. Each wedding is an act of worship of Almighty God and, as such, must reflect the character and traditions of the worshiping community known as Church of the Holy Trinity-Episcopal and witness to the teaching of Christ and his Church concerning marriage.

The policies, rules and advice in this manual have three purposes:

- To uphold the sacramental character of marriage and the reality that a wedding is a worship service of the church.
- To enable and encourage an attitude of reverence and devotion by all participants at each marriage celebrated at Church of the Holy Trinity.
- To make sure that your marriage ceremony is done with dignity, beauty and order.

The administration of the Sacrament of Matrimony is governed by the rubrics of the *Book of Common Prayer*, the Canons of the Episcopal Church, the directives of our Diocesan Bishop and our parish policies.

The bride, groom or parent of the bride or groom must be an active member of Church of the Holy Trinity for at least one year, AND the bride, groom or parent of the bride or groom must be a confirmed member of Church of the Holy Trinity. *Any exceptions to the above may be granted only by the rector.* **Membership requirements may be discussed in more detail with the rector.**

Every wedding is under the rector’s direction and all weddings are done at the rector’s discretion.

The canons require that each couple receive marriage preparation instruction. You are expected to undertake this work with the rector or his/her designee (another member of the clergy.) If you would like have a different clergy do the marriage preparation, it must be approved by the rector in advance.

The marriage service is that of “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage” as set forth in the *Book of Common Prayer*. Weddings will be only in the Episcopal tradition and headed by Episcopal clergy. No other denominational services will be done in this parish. Other Episcopal clergy may be invited by the clergy of Church of the Holy Trinity to preside or assist at a

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wedding. This invitation must be extended by our clergy, not the couple. Clergy from other faith traditions may assist (only) at a wedding with the rector's permission and invitation.

The canons require the bishop's consent for the second marriage of any person previously married whose former spouse is still living. If either party is divorced, the couple should immediately consult the rector about the process for securing the bishop's consent. Normally, at least one month is needed to secure this approval; we cannot make a commitment to perform a marriage ceremony until the bishop's consent has been given.

No marriages are celebrated from Ash Wednesday through Easter Day each year, in observance of Lent. No exceptions.

### **MUSIC FOR YOUR WEDDING**

The use of music for all Episcopal Church services is governed by the rubrics of the *Book of Common Prayer* and *The Hymnal, 1982*. It may not be altered or ignored for any reason.

All music is under the direction of the Church of the Holy Trinity's Organist/Director of Music and the rector.

**No** prerecorded music is permitted. **No** secular music is permitted. This is a church worship service.

You may bring in your own pianist or organist with permission from the Director of Music. You may bring in other accompanying musicians with permission. You will be responsible for making sure they have the music and other equipment necessary. If electric/electronic amplification is needed, you will need to speak directly to the rector and the Director of Music.

The organist's base fee is \$250, as determined by American Guild of Organists (AGO). If any of the following are desired, arrangements must be made through the Organist/Director of Music for instrumentalists, soloists, chamber orchestra or choir.

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## SCHEDULING YOUR WEDDING

The parish office keeps a master calendar of all events at Church of the Holy Trinity. Call the parish office during office hours to check availability. Office hours are 10 am to 2 pm, phone is 402-488-7139. Wedding dates are scheduled on a first-come basis, and only one per day. Please note that no weddings will be celebrated during Lent.

If you decide to have your wedding at Church of the Holy Trinity, you **must** fill out a Building Use form and include a deposit check for \$100 to get the event on the calendar. You must contact the priest right away to set up the premarital education.

*The wedding fee is due within two weeks of your wedding. When your wedding deposit check is received, your date will be firm on the church's master calendar. In accordance with our policies, if the church does not receive the wedding deposit within the two week time frame, you will be notified that your tentative date will be dropped from the calendar within 10 days.*

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It is appropriate to give an honorarium to the clergy person performing the ceremony. Your discretion may be used to determine the amount, but the usual amount is between \$100 to \$200. This money will be used to help those in need in Lincoln.

The wedding coordinator fee is \$200 and is not optional or negotiable. You will discover that this is the best use of \$200 you have ever encountered!

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## **THE WEDDING COORDINATOR**

The wedding coordinator is a member of Altar Guild and is used to coordinate all service information and to manage the practical arrangements for the actual wedding. Their fee is \$200, and their services are not optional.

One of the coordinators will meet with each bride (and groom, if possible) to determine the logistics for pre-planning and managing the rehearsal and wedding, decorating the church, and all subsequent arrangements. She will join you at the rehearsal and wedding to make sure they both run smoothly. She will handle emergencies which may arise and help you to have a successful and joyful wedding ceremony.

The wedding coordinators are thoroughly familiar with all parish wedding policies. The clergy handle all the liturgical details concerning the wedding ceremony; the music department handles the arrangements regarding the music. The wedding coordinator will handle all the logistical details of the ceremony.

For answers to your questions involving protocol, décor, logistical arrangements, or parish policies, please consult the wedding coordinator or the rector.

If you have a personal wedding coordinator helping you, she should plan to remain with the bride and bridesmaids in the dressing area to help them with personal needs, and to keep them on a timely schedule for photography and for the beginning of the wedding. Your personal coordinator will not be used for the actual ceremony.

The coordinator will cue the bridesmaids and the bride at the moment in time that they should come into the church for the wedding processional.

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## FLOWERS AND CANDLES

The wedding coordinator will provide you with the florist name and phone number who has done the flowers for weddings in the past. It is important that your florist understand the appearance, dimensions and lighting so that the flower arrangements will be adequate and appropriate for the space. You may elect to use a different florist; please make sure flowers are approved by the rector.

Flowers are required for every wedding. The usual cost for two arrangements on the altar shelf (reredos) is \$75. You may elect to have more extensive flowers at your cost.

All candles (other than unity candles; see below) are provided by the church. Pew (aisle) candles are available for a charge. These may be decorated as prearranged with the wedding coordinator and Rector.

Some of the regulations regarding flowers in the church:

- Only church-supplied vessels for flowers, candlesticks, and candle trees may be used. If special vessels are desired, they must be brought in and approved by the wedding coordinator and the rector.
- ***Altar flowers and flowers may not be removed from the church after the ceremony under any circumstances, since they are considered to be a “gift to God” in honor of the marriage. Floral gifts are acknowledged in the upcoming Sunday’s worship booklet***
- Only living flowers and plants may be used. **No** synthetic, silk, dried or any kind of floral substitute are to be used anywhere.

The ornaments and appointments of the sanctuary, including seasonal ornaments like the Advent Wreath, Christmas greens and decorations, and Paschal Candle, are part of the permanent liturgical furnishings of the Church and may not be disturbed or removed.

There is no provision for the use of a “unity candle” in the liturgy of the *Book of Common Prayer*. Likewise, there is no provision for a “sand ceremony” in the liturgy of the *Book of Common Prayer*. Please discuss this with your officiating clergy when setting up your ceremony.

Flower girls may carry flowers and throw petals. You are responsible for making sure they are picked up *immediately* after the wedding.

Rice, petals, confetti, bubbles and similar items are not to be thrown at the church entrances because of cleaning difficulties, protection of people (slip potentials) and protection of wildlife.

Guest books may be set up in the foyer but must be removed by a member of the party by 15 minutes after the wedding ceremony begins.

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## PHOTOGRAPHY

Our rules and regulations concerning photographers and videographers are solely intended to maintain the dignity, beauty, order and reverence of the marriage ceremony. Our experience is that not all photographers and videographers understand the Episcopal Church liturgy and the high standards of dignity and discretion required of all present. The detailed expectations of photographers and videographers set out below allow all participants to observe the high standards, making your wedding the worship service it is meant to be. We ask the bride and groom to present these guidelines to their photographer and videographer emphasizing their expectation that the guidelines will be reviewed and followed.

Photographers are reminded that they are guests of the parish and are working in holy space. Photographers should abide by the rules of the church. Photographers should not go inside the altar rail unless so directed and are to conduct themselves in a quiet and reverent manner.

*Some definitions that describe the interior spaces of the church; these terms should be helpful to you and your florist:*

<i>Chancel:</i>	<i>the raised part of the church where the clergy and choir sit.</i>
<i>Sanctuary:</i>	<i>the part of the chancel containing the altar.</i>
<i>Nave:</i>	<i>the main body of the church below the steps where the pews are located.</i>
<i>Narthex:</i>	<i>the "foyer" of the church.</i>

### ***Before the Wedding:***

- The photographer or videographer should check with the clergy before the service and follow her instructions.
- Photographs of the groom, his party and family members can be taken 2 – 1 ½ hours ahead of the ceremony in any part of the church, outside in the courtyard, in front of the church and inside the church.
- Photographs of the bride can be taken 1 ½ - 1 hours prior to the wedding in the bride's room, outside in the courtyard or inside the church. No inappropriate photographs of the bride or bridesmaids may be taken; they must be fully dressed.
- Photographers are welcome to take photos of the wedding party before the service. Ushers need to be free to welcome and seat guests 30 minutes before the service begins; the rest of the wedding party should be finished with photography 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the ceremony.
- Photographs may be taken in the narthex (foyer) prior to the ceremony.
- Photographs of the participants exiting the narthex (foyer) are fine, but must be taken from within the narthex.
- No photographs may be taken inside the church after the candles are lit or within 30 minutes of the ceremony beginning.



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## *During the Wedding:*

- Photographers are not permitted to wander in the church during the wedding service. **NO FLASH!** Photographers are asked to take a seat and stay there during the service. The parish will make every effort to make sure the photographer has a good view of the ceremony, and non-flash pictures will be allowed. This is a prayer service, not a photo opportunity.
- **Guests are asked not to take photos during the wedding ceremony.** They will have plenty of opportunity to take pictures, before and after the ceremony and at the reception.

## *After the Wedding:*

- Photos of the bride and groom as they leave the church are permitted only from just in front of the baptismal font. Under no circumstances may the photographer stand forward of the last pew.
- **Photographers may spend no more than fifteen minutes inside the church posing and taking pictures of the wedding party.** The church must be prepared for Sunday services and this time limit allows for that process to move forward. This also facilitates the wedding party's arrival at the reception.

## **VIDEOGRAPHY**

- In the church during the wedding the video camera must be operated silently, without movement by the operator, and without any auxiliary lighting. The video set up must be in place 45 minutes before the service and the operator in place at least 10 minutes before the service.
- The video operator must remain in place until the wedding has ended. No additional microphones can be placed within the sanctuary of the church. Appropriate dark clothing is to be worn by the video operator. **No auxiliary lights may be used during the service.**
- The video operator should have sufficient extension cords for power supply and all cords must be secured out of sight.

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## **CHILDREN IN THE WEDDING PARTY**

The policy is that children under five are usually discouraged in the wedding ceremony. We have this policy because we have learned from experience that children under five years of age should not be relied upon to conduct themselves in an adult manner during the ceremony. Remaining in place, standing still, not talking, not crying and not engaging in distracting behavior while in public view is adult behavior and is usually more than a young child can manage. The locus of focus shifts away from the wedding party to the little child in these cases, especially when they become confused and upset.

We advise you, if you are using elementary school aged boys and girls in your wedding, to prepare them in advance for the clothing they will be expected to wear. Sometimes children, especially boys, will react negatively when presented with unfamiliar, unusual and elaborate clothing and refuse to wear it. We advise you to prepare the children in advance, if boys are expected to escort girls upon entering and leaving the ceremony.

It is our policy that the wedding ring(s) is placed in the custody of the best man (and maid or matron of honor if there is a ring for the groom). If there is a ring bearer, a representative ring(s) is placed on the ring bearer's pillow. Experience has taught us that deviating from this policy carries with it the risk of a disrupted wedding and lost rings.

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## REHEARSALS

All weddings in the church require a full rehearsal, usually on the day or evening before the wedding.

The time for the rehearsal must be reserved on the parish master calendar; usually this time will have been set when you first schedule your wedding. If that appointed hour shifts as you make arrangements for the rest of the evening, remember to reschedule the rehearsal time on the parish calendar to avoid conflicts with other events.

The rehearsal will last no more than one hour from the time it begins, more often about three quarters of an hour. Rehearsal times are scheduled for any time between 5:00 or 6:30 P.M. on the day before the wedding.

The entire wedding party, including parents and all those to be formally seated need to attend the rehearsal and arrive **on time**. Rehearsals will start on time.

Remind those attending the rehearsal to allow for rush hour traffic, especially on Friday evening.

Bring these items to the church on the night of the rehearsal:

1. Marriage License.
2. Shopping bags for each bridesmaid labeled with each name. Assign a house party member to collect these filled bags on the Wedding Day prior to the beginning of the wedding and take them to their cars.
3. Guest Book. Assign a house party member to collect the book 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the wedding ceremony.
4. Wedding programs.
5. Fees for Organist and musicians. A discretionary gift for the officiating cleric is not required, but is appreciated.
6. Clothing items: bridesmaids dresses, shoes, bridal gown etc. If these are delivered on the wedding day, they must arrive before 10:00 AM.

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## THE WEDDING DAY

All participants must be at the church at least one hour before the service. If photographs are taken beforehand, everyone needs to arrive at the church and be dressed one and one-half hour before the service.

Dresses may be delivered to the bride's room; they should arrive before 10:00 AM on the wedding day.

The church will be opened for you at the arranged time. You have the building for the entire day for your wedding (with the exception of weddings on a weekday), but we must know your estimated arrival time so doors can be opened and the church made ready for you.

Sandwich trays, if desired, may be delivered and stored in the kitchen prior to the wedding for members of the wedding party. Food may be taken into the dressing rooms (conference rooms) but NOT in the church sanctuary. Please bring a flat of water bottles for your wedding party, especially if you are coming early in the day. Members of the wedding party may have food in the dressing rooms.

No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the church grounds. **Ever**. Please remind all members of your wedding party of this.

It is best for the gentlemen to arrive in full dress for the wedding; this eliminates the possibility of the men arriving without all their items of clothing.

The bridal party should arrive with hair and makeup done; if needed, hair and makeup may be completed in the bridal dressing room.

Smoking is prohibited in all of the buildings of the church, and prohibited at any of the entry doors to the church. You may smoke out by the cars in the parking lot.

Bridal consultants, dressers and other related professionals are welcome to assist in dressing. Bridal consultants function as parish guests under the direction of the wedding coordinator and the rector.

Do **not** leave purses, jewelry, cameras or valuables unattended in the dressing areas. The church does not assume responsibility for lost or stolen items; however, we can lock the dressing rooms if requested.

Designate someone to clear ALL personal articles and trash from the dressing areas before you arrive at the church (both male and female, please). Using the personalized shopping bags is a good way to deal with the personal belongings of each bridesmaid or other wedding party member.

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Advise the wedding coordinator of any special needs of the people attending your wedding. We have set aside seating for people with walkers or wheelchairs, and we are completely handicapped accessible, with elevators and flat walkways.

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## SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR YOUR WEDDING CEREMONY

You may make 3 scripture selections to be read during your ceremony: one Hebrew Scripture reading, one from the New Testament and a reading of the Holy Gospel.

Listed are the text selections; make one choice from each group:

### Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 1:26-28  
Genesis 2:4-9, 15-25  
Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7  
Tobit 8:5b-8

### New Testament

1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Ephesians 3:14-19  
Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33  
Colossians 3:12-17  
1 John 4:7-16

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-10  
Matthew 5:13-16  
Matthew 7:21, 24-29  
Mark 10:6-9, 13-16  
John 15:9-12

## **Old Testament** (choose one from this group)

### **A Reading from the Book of Genesis [1:26-28]**

God said, “Let us make man in our image, after 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 earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And 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.” The Word of the Lord.

### **A Reading from the Book of 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 it to rain upon the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground—then [the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and 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. And 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, saying, “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

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helper fit for him.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast 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 beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him.] \*So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; and the rib which 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; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.] And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed. The Word of the Lord.

## **A Reading from the 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 lo, 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, jealousy is cruel as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly scorned. The Word of the Lord.

## **A Reading from Tobit [8:5b-8]**

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 for ever.

Let the heavens and the whole creation bless you for ever.

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.’

## **New Testament** (choose one from this group)

### **A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians [13:1-13]**

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not 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 have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass

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away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. The Word of the Lord.

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians [3:14-19]**

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner man, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. The Word of the Lord.

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians [5:1-2, 21-33]**

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk 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 to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. As the church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. Even so husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever hates his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is a profound one, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church; however, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. The Word of the Lord.

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians [3:12-17]**

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on 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 sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts 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. The Word of the Lord.

### **A Reading from the First Letter of John [4:7-16]**

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was



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made manifest among us, that 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 expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides 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 own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. The Word of the Lord.

## **Holy Gospel** (choose one from this group)

### **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [5:1-10]**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” The Gospel of the Lord.

### **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [5:13-16]**

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” The Gospel of the Lord.

### **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [7:21, 24-29]**

Jesus said, “Not every one who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it.” And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes. The Gospel of the Lord.

### **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to 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. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.” And they were bringing children to him, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, “Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them. The Gospel of the Lord.

## Wedding Guide

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### **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 15:9-12**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so have I 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. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” The Gospel of the Lord.

# Wedding Guide

<b>Request for Building Use</b>	<b>Church of the Holy Trinity - Episcopal</b>
<b>Wedding</b>	6001 A Street, Lincoln, NE 68510 / 402-488-7139 / FAX: 402-488-9300

**A \$100 non-refundable reservation fee is required to schedule the wedding at the church.**

Wedding Date:	Time:	# of Guests:
Rehearsal Date:	Time:	
Rehearsal Dinner at Holy Trinity: Yes / No	Start Time:	End Time:
Wedding Reception at Holy Trinity: Yes / No	Start Time:	End Time:
Bride's Name:	Phone:	
Address:	Cell:	
City, St, Zip:	Email:	
Groom's Name:	Phone:	
Address:	Cell:	
City, St, Zip:	Email:	
Alternate Contact:	Phone:	
Address:	Cell:	
City, St, Zip:	Email:	

<b>Rooms/Services Requested</b>		Member	Non Member	Event Charges
Nave/Sanctuary		\$0.00	\$200.00	
Priest	Outside Priest:	Honorarium	Honorarium	
Organist		\$250.00	\$250.00	
Soloist/Other Music		Honorarium	Honorarium	
Church Florist		As Billed	As Billed	
Holy Trinity Wedding Coordinator - REQUIRED		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$ 200.00
Service Supplies (Bulletins, etc.)		up to \$100	up to \$100	
Pew Candles		up to \$100	up to \$100	
Bride's Dressing Room		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Groom's Dressing Room		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Nursery		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Food Served for Bridal Party - Lunch / Snack	Time:			
Caterer/Contact Name:				
Phone:	Email:			
Rehearsal Dinner at Holy Trinity	# of Guests:			
Courtyard Hall Set Up:		\$0.00	\$100.00	
Parish Hall Set Up:		\$0.00	\$100.00	
Caterer/Contact Name:				
Phone:	Email:			
Wedding Reception at Holy Trinity	# of Guests:			
Courtyard Hall		\$0.00	\$150.00	
Parish Hall up to 100 guests		\$0.00	\$200.00	
For every 25 more		\$0.00	\$50.00	
Kitchen & Equipment		\$0.00	\$300.00	
Caterer/Contact Name:				
Phone:	Email:			
DJ / Music Contact Name:				
Phone:	Email:			
Additional Notes on back	Total of any fees from back page:			
	<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>		\$	

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I the undersigned, representative of the wedding party "requesting use" of the facility of Church of the Holy Trinity, understand the guidelines, expectations and restrictions outlined in the building reservation and usage policies of the church. I will be responsible for communicating these policies to my group and ensuring that they are followed. If parties associated with the group making this reservation are found to be in violation of