

WEDDING PLANNING SHEET

A Guide for the Bride and Groom

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We have provided this simple form to assist the bride and groom in making plans for their wedding liturgy. In conversation with your presider please determine whether the wedding will take place as a Eucharistic Liturgy (with communion) or at a Word Service (outside of mass). There are a few days during the year when the scripture readings must be taken from the feast of solemnity of the day. Your presider will let you know if that is the case, otherwise you are welcome to select scripture readings from the list below. Please meet with the Director of Liturgical Music to determine the musical plan for your wedding. **Please be sure to see page four for a copy of the texts for the Wedding Vows and Exchange of Rings, which should be memorized by the bride and groom.**

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Name of Bride: _____ Name of Groom: _____

Type of Wedding Liturgy: Wedding within Eucharist Wedding within Word Service

Scripture Readings: Please select (**check off**) one scripture reading from each of the sections below, and designate a friend or family member to proclaim the scripture during the service. **Please use the attached sheets in selecting the readings, and give a copy to the person who will be proclaiming it. The paper sheet is for practice only; an actual lectionary book is used at the wedding.**

Old Testament Reading: Read by: _____

- Genesis 1:26-28, 31a "Male and female he created them."
- Genesis 2:18-24 "The two of them become one body."
- Tobit 8:4b-8 "Allow us to live together to a happy old age."
- Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 "The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."
- Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a "Stern as death is love."
- Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16 "Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home."
- Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a "I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah."

Responsorial Psalm: *Select this in consultation with the Director of Liturgical Music.*

New Testament Reading: Read by: _____

- Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39 "What will separate us from the love of Christ?"
- Romans 15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13 "Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you."
- I Corinthians 12:31-13:8a "If I do not have love, I gain nothing."
- Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32 "This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.."
- Philippians 4:4-9 "The God of peace will be with you."
- Colossians 3:12-17 "And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection."
- John I 4:7-12 "God is love."

Offertory Gifts (Within Mass Only): Two persons are selected who will come forward with the gifts of bread and wine.

Bread: _____ Wine: _____

Other Persons Needed: Please designate as follows:

Crossbearer: _____ General Intercessions (on page four) read by: _____

Checklist for the Wedding Rehearsal:

- This completed planning form.
- A list of the wedding party, in the proper order and with assigned partner.
- The wedding license. (This is needed at the time of the rehearsal.)

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR WEDDINGS

Select ONE Old Testament Reading: This reading occurs right after everyone sits down after the opening prayer of the mass.

Genesis 1:26-28, 31a A reading from the book of Genesis. Then God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. The Word of the Lord.

Genesis 2:18-24 A reading from the book of the prophet Genesis. The Lord God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the Lord God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man. So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body. The Word of the Lord.

Tobit 8:4b-8 A reading from the book of Tobit. On their wedding night Tobiah arose from bed and said to his wife, "Sister, get up. Let us pray and beg our Lord to have mercy on us and to grant us deliverance." Sarah got up, and they started to pray and beg that deliverance might be theirs. They began with these words: "Blessed are you, O God of our fathers; praised be your name forever and ever. Let the heavens and all your creation praise you forever. You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve to be his help and support; and from these two the human race descended. You said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone; let us make him a partner like himself.' Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine not because of lust, but for a noble purpose. Call down your mercy on me and on her, and allow us to live together to a happy old age." They said together, "Amen, amen." The Word of the Lord.

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 A reading from the book of Proverbs. When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailling prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and makes cloth with skillful hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates. The Word of the Lord.

Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a A reading from the book of the Song of Songs. Hark! my lover—here he comes springing across the mountains, leaping across the hills. My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag. Here he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattices. My lover speaks; he says to me, "Arise, my beloved, my dove, my beautiful one, and come! O my dove in the clefts of the rock, in the secret recesses of the cliff, Let me see you, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and you are lovely." My lover belongs to me and I to him. He says to me: "Set me as a seal on your heart, as a seal on your arm; for stern as death is love, relentless as the nether world is devotion; its flames are a blazing fire. Deep waters cannot quench love, nor floods sweep it away." The Word of the Lord.

Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16 A reading from the book of Sirach. Blessed the husband of a good wife, twice-lengthened are his days; a worthy wife brings joy to her husband, peaceful and full is his life. A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the Lord; be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face. A gracious wife delights her husband, her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones; a gift from the Lord is her governed speech, and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth. Choicest of blessings is a modest wife, priceless her chaste soul. A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace; indeed, no price is worthy of her temperate soul. Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home. The Word of the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a A reading from the book of Jeremiah. The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers: the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the Lord. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord. The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR WEDDINGS

Select ONE New Testament Reading: PLEASE WAIT until the musician has led the Responsorial Psalm before continuing with the reading.

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39 A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. The Word of the Lord.

Romans 15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13 A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. Brothers and sisters: We ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves; let each of us please our neighbor for the good, for building up. For Christ did not please himself. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, or the glory of God. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord.

I Corinthians 12:31–13:8a A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. The Word of the Lord.

Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32 A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians. Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the Church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the Church, because we are members of his Body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church. The Word of the Lord.

Philippians 4:4-9 A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. The Word of the Lord.

Colossians 3:12-17 A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians. Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one Body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. The Word of the Lord.

John I 4:7-12 A reading from the first letter of John. Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. The Word of the Lord.

TEXTS FOR THE WEDDING VOWS: PICK EITHER THE STANDARD OR OPTIONAL FORM AND PLEASE MEMORIZE YOUR VOWS.

STANDARD FORM:

GROOM: Groom: I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.

BRIDE: I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my husband. I promise to be faithful to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and to honor you all the days of my life.

OPTIONAL FORM:

GROOM: I, (Name), take you, (Name), for my lawful wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

BRIDE: I, (Name), take you, (Name), for my lawful husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

TEXTS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF RINGS: PLEASE MEMORIZE THESE WORDS:

GROOM: (While placing the wedding ring on his wife's ring finger): (Name), receive this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

BRIDE: (While placing the wedding ring on his husband's ring finger): (Name), receive this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

TEXTS FOR THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS:

PRESIDER: Let us offer our prayers to the Lord.

READER: Our response will be, "Loving God, hear our prayer."

1. For (Bride's Name) and (Groom's Name), that their love will grow deeper and stronger each day, that their home will be filled with light and peace, we pray ... *(response)*
2. For (Bride's Name) and (Groom's Name), that they may always know the constant support and unconditional love of each of us who have gathered here today, we pray ... *(response)*
3. For all the Church, that as God's pilgrim people we may be continually renewed and enlivened by God's Spirit moving among us, we pray ... *(response)*
4. For the Earth, that we, as stewards of God's creation, may care for the environment. May we learn to live in harmony with all creatures, respecting and preserving the delicate balance of life on Earth, we pray ... *(response)*
5. For leaders of nations, that the dream of equality, human rights, and peace for all God's people may one day be realized, we pray ... *(response)*
6. For those whom we miss this day. For those who could not be present, and for those who have died, including *(here you may include the names of deceased loved ones who you would like to remember particularly in this prayer)*. We pray ... *(response)*

PRESIDER: *Concluding Prayer*