

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

WEDDING CUSTOMARY





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## CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

It is hoped that the following instructions will assist you in planning your wedding and also acquaint you with the customs, traditions, and restrictions of the Episcopal Church regarding the celebration of a marriage at Christ Church Cathedral.

A Christian marriage is a covenant relationship between a two people, proclaimed in a public setting. By covenant relationship, we mean a relationship that is reflective of God's relationship with God's people. It is a relationship of grace. We neither earn nor deserve God's love. Likewise, we do not merit the love we need in a marriage. It is a relationship lived out in trust and forgiveness. Through marriage, God's grace can come to be known in real and visible ways. The relationship not only reminds us of God's grace, it draws us ever deeper into that grace. It is a redemptive relationship. We grow more and more into the person that God has created us to be. In the Episcopal Church we believe marriage to be a sacrament.

A wedding is a liturgical expression of the sacrament of marriage. The couple are the ministers of the sacrament. The priest officiates and pronounces God's blessing on the relationship, but the couple are the ones who proclaim the covenant. It is in their lives that the sacrament is lived out.

A wedding at the Cathedral is a religious event of festive proportions and specific intention, but it is, nonetheless, an Episcopal worship service. The central focus of the liturgy is thanksgiving for the love that God has poured into our lives. At Christ Church Cathedral, all weddings are in accordance with *The Book of Common Prayer* and the approved liturgies of the Episcopal Church. The liturgies provide for some choices and flexibility. Beyond that, things may be neither added nor deleted. Marriage vows may not be written or edited. Practices such as unity candles, while they may be customary in other churches, are not permitted at Cathedral weddings.

Church wedding customs vary in detail from place to place. The guiding principle to remember is that marriage is a sacramental rite in the Episcopal Church, a regular worship service of the church and, as such, will be conducted accordingly. The Cathedral has its own particular customs. Things that are permitted — or even common practice — in other churches may not be appropriate here. If there is any question as to the permissibility of anything, it is always best to check with the priest who is officiating at the wedding.

The canon law of the Church states that Holy Matrimony is a union “entered into within the community of faith.” It is expected that, under normal circumstances, those who marry at Christ Church Cathedral will nurture their marriage in the context of this worshipping community. A wedding is a pastoral sacrament, which rightfully takes place where it will be supported through pastoral relationships and community worship. For those who have no intention of regular involvement in any Church, it would be more appropriate to be married in a different setting.

## MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The Cathedral is available for weddings when the either of the couple is a member of the Cathedral, is the child of a Cathedral member, or is a member of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Texas. The most definitive membership at the Cathedral consists of being confirmed or received by an Episcopal bishop and having your letter of membership here. If you were confirmed or received at the Cathedral, your letter is automatically here. If you were confirmed or received at some other Episcopal Church, some steps need to be taken to transfer your letter to the Cathedral. Information concerning confirmation or reception in the Episcopal Church is available through the Weddings Liaison.

If there is any question about membership or the possibility of the Cathedral as the place for your wedding, it is recommended that you email the Weddings Liaison to determine availability and pencil the wedding on the calendar. Then discuss the possibility of the wedding taking place here with one of the Cathedral priests. Make an appointment as soon as possible, preferably within 30 days of penciling in the date. **It is important to note that no wedding plans are final, and there is no commitment from the Cathedral, until the priest who will officiate at the wedding has given his or her concurrence.**

## THE FIRST STEP

It is advisable to verify the availability of the Cathedral and to “pencil the date in” by emailing Lisa Viktorin, Weddings Liaison. The couple may have any priest on the Cathedral staff officiate at their wedding. For those who have no preference, the Weddings Liaison will ask the Dean to designate a priest. The couple will be contacted by one of the Cathedral priests within one week of the tentative booking of the wedding. No arrangements which involve the church, church facilities or the priest who will perform the ceremony will be confirmed and, therefore, should not be announced until the presiding priest’s approval has been received.

The canon law of the church requires that a minimum of thirty days’ notice for a marriage be given; however, it is wise to contact the priest as far in advance as possible in order to guarantee that no scheduling conflicts develop. It may be difficult, if not impossible, to complete the necessary preparation in thirty days. Advance notice of several months is the rule rather than the exception.

## PREMARITAL COUNSELING

The Episcopal Church believes that adequate preparation is an important part of a marriage. According to canon law, an Episcopal priest is required to meet with the couple for counseling as part of that preparation. The priest who will perform the ceremony will want to meet with the couple. The number of counseling sessions with the priest will vary depending on the particular needs and desires of the couple.

In some cases it may be recommended to the couple that marriage preparation include professional counseling in addition to the preparation by the priest. For example, in the blending of families, it is often helpful to seek and receive additional help. In such cases, the couple may incur counseling fees. It is essential that the couple both participate in all marriage preparation.

## **REMARRIAGE OF DIVORCED PERSONS**

In the Episcopal Church it is necessary for any priest to apply for and receive the Bishop's consent prior to officiating at a marriage in which either or both of the parties has been divorced from a spouse who is still living. The couple does not need the Bishop's permission to get married; the priest must have the Bishop's permission to officiate at the service. The priest is required to submit a written request to the Bishop including an account of the preparation of the couple for the new marriage.

In cases where a previous marriage (or marriages) is involved, it is frequently the case that more time is required for premarital counseling. Divorced persons will be asked to discuss the previous relationship and reason(s) for the divorce. It will be necessary to present copies of all relevant divorce decrees. Unless there are extreme extenuating circumstances, it is normative that there be at least a year between the date of the final divorce decree and the date of the proposed wedding. When there are special circumstances, it may be possible for a priest to receive consent to officiate at a third marriage, but that is by no means assured. The Bishop does not give consent for priests to officiate at weddings where one or both of the parties has been married and divorced three or more times.

## **THE CLERGY AND THE SERVICE**

The Dean of Christ Church Cathedral is in charge of all weddings at the Cathedral. All plans for the wedding ceremony must be made in consultation with the Dean or one of the Canons. Episcopal clergy from other churches within the Diocese of Texas (and from outside the Diocese with the permission of the Bishop of the Diocese of Texas) may be invited to assist at a wedding. Episcopal clergy from other churches who wish to perform the marriage ceremony must send a written request to the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral. In cases of interfaith marriages, it is possible when practical to include a religious leader from another faith. It should be noted, however, that those arrangements may be complicated and require considerably more advanced notice. Not all religious leaders in other faiths are willing to participate in interfaith weddings. A clergy person from any other Christian denomination may be invited to assist, with the Dean's approval. When clergy other than the regular Cathedral clergy are to be invited, the Dean or Canons will issue an invitation.

As the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Texas, Christ Church is, of course, open to any priest of the Diocese of Texas who may find the Cathedral more appropriate than their own parish for any particular wedding. The scheduling of the Cathedral in such cases should be made by the Rector directly with the Cathedral office (the Weddings Liaison). In such cases, it will be normative that a priest from the Cathedral staff be present at both the rehearsal and the wedding.

While there is no hard and fast policy at Christ Church Cathedral that prohibits its clergy from presiding at weddings in locations other than Christ Church Cathedral (e.g. an outdoor garden), it should be noted that the most appropriate place for a wedding is either the Cathedral or the Chapel. There are practical considerations, such as Altar Guild and the ability to control the environment. But, beyond the practical considerations, it is most appropriate to physically begin and proclaim the covenant of marriage in the place where it will be spiritually nurtured.

As in all worship services of the church, the presiding priest is charged with the final responsibility for determining the appropriateness of all arrangements and details. However, the Dean reserves the right to alter these decisions if he deems it necessary, and will be the final decision maker regarding the conduct of weddings at the Cathedral.

Those desiring to be married in Christ Church Cathedral should understand that they are not free to delete, add to, or otherwise interpolate the marriage rite as it set forth in the liturgies of the Episcopal Church approved by the Bishop of Texas. Additions to or deletions from the rites are not permitted. Customs that may be normative in other churches, such as a Unity Candle, are not in the liturgies and are not permitted at the Cathedral. The procedures for each wedding service are under the direction and at the discretion of the officiating priest.

### *Eucharist*

Eucharist (Holy Communion) is a meaningful way for Christians to mark the beginning of their married lives. The word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving" and by setting the wedding in the context of the Eucharist there is a focus on giving thanks to God for the gift of love and for this relationship. Whether or not to have Eucharist at the wedding is a decision that should be made by the couple with the advice of the officiating priest. If Holy Communion is planned as a part of the ceremony, it will be available to all present who are baptized and desire to receive the sacrament. The Episcopal Church has open Communion, and does not limit the Eucharist to the couple or to the wedding party. Our experience is that it is quite possible to invite wedding guests to the Holy Table in such a way that they do not feel embarrassed or coerced.

### *The Cathedral's Wedding Liaison*

The Wedding Liaison is charged with the responsibility of assisting the officiating priest with the wedding rehearsal and the wedding itself. The Wedding Liaison is present "on the ground" and assists in the smooth flow of the ceremony; therefore an outside wedding consultant is not needed at either the rehearsal or the wedding. **Consultants may be on hand to assist before the wedding, but do not participate in the direction of the rehearsal or the wedding.**

The Wedding Liaison will contact the couple at approximately four (4) weeks in advance of the wedding date to discuss and advise the couple on all matters of wedding procedure, especially as they pertain to the policies and customs of Christ Church Cathedral.

### **DATE AND TIME OF THE WEDDING**

At Christ Church Cathedral we do not have weddings during the forty days of Lent, i.e. from Ash Wednesday through Easter Day. While social custom clearly prefers Saturday weddings, there are no theological or liturgical reasons to prefer one day to another. For practical reasons Sunday weddings can work a hardship on both the Altar Guild and the priest and are generally not permitted.

Weddings may be scheduled for any time of the day that is convenient and not in conflict with existing commitments. Weddings may not begin later than 7:00 p.m.

If two weddings are scheduled for the same Saturday there must be a minimum of three hours between the starting times, provided there is no reception in Reynolds Hall following the first wedding. The first wedding placed on the Church calendar will have priority on choice of time.

### **MARRIAGE LICENSE**

A marriage license is the instrument that conveys to the priest the authority of the state to officiate at the ceremony and to sign the license making the marriage official in the eyes of the state. Without a marriage license, the priest cannot proceed; it is illegal.

Arrangements for the marriage license should be made with the County Clerk in advance of the date for the ceremony. In the State of Texas, a marriage license must be procured no less than 72 hours (3 days) before the date of the wedding and the marriage must take place within 90 days from the date of issuance of the license. The marriage license should be given to the Wedding Liaison at the time of the rehearsal. It is the responsibility of the Wedding Liaison to complete the license and return it to the office of the County Clerk. The County Clerk will return the original license to the married couple.

### **COSTS**

Fees are charged to cover the costs that the church incurs for a wedding; namely, the services of facilities use and sexton, organist, Wedding Liaison, Altar Guild, security, and sound engineer. Similarly, there is a nominal charge to cover the use of church facilities for wedding receptions.

The fee for a wedding at Christ Church Cathedral, in the Cathedral, is \$2160.00.

The fee for a wedding at Christ Church Cathedral, in the Golding Chapel, is \$1625.00.

The clergy honorarium for a wedding at Christ Church Cathedral is customarily \$500 and is paid directly to the clergy at the rehearsal.

***A deposit of half of the wedding fees should be paid.***

***All remaining fees are due two weeks before the wedding.***

***If payment is not received, the wedding will be cancelled.***

Payments can be made by check or credit card. Checks can be mailed to the Christ Church Cathedral ATTN: Lisa Viktorin or delivered to Cathedral staff at the reception desk.

Credit card payments include a 3% upcharge and are made calling Cathedral finance.

If any of the following are desired, please contact Lisa Viktorin, Weddings Liaison, for information. The costs shown are typical, but may vary depending on the circumstances.

- Cathedral Choir or Cathedral Treble Choir — \$1150 and only in Cathedral
- Vocal Soloist, Trumpeter — \$150
- Harpist — \$300
- Acolyte — \$30 honorarium
- Wedding Program — \$1.00 each

### *Parking and Police*

The Cathedral is fortunate to have a large, adjacent parking garage which can be used for free by wedding guests. Additionally, the wedding fee includes security personnel for Cathedral and Chapel weddings.

### *Printed Program*

A printed order of service may be purchased through the Cathedral. Requests must be made at least three weeks prior to the ceremony. The couple may choose to have a program designed and printed elsewhere at their own expense. The presiding priest and the Organist & Canon for Music must give final approval for all information contained in the program, regardless of where or how it is printed.

## PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

The couple is to give the name and address of the photographer to the Weddings Liaison so that a copy of the Cathedral's policy can be mailed to them. The Cathedral has a list of recommended photographers who are completely familiar with the procedures of the Cathedral. The Cathedral requires that a photographer sign an agreement to abide by Cathedral policies before being allowed to photograph a wedding. The photographers on the recommended list have such an agreement on file.

As a sacramental rite of the Church, the marriage service is not to be interrupted or disturbed by the distraction of videotaping or photographs being taken. It is the wedding party's responsibility to review these instructions with their photographer so that there will be no misunderstanding at the time of the wedding.

Photographs may be taken in the foyer of the Latham Building, in the Mellinger Room, the Bride's Room, the courtyard, or other outside precincts on the Cathedral grounds.

- Photographs taken prior to the ceremony must be concluded 45 minutes prior to the ceremony for all ushers and 15 minutes prior to the ceremony for all other participants.
- Photographs may be taken before and after the ceremony, just as the couple enters or leaves the bell porch. In no event is the photographer to actually enter the church nave for this photograph.
- The photographer should be instructed that flash equipment must never be used inside the Cathedral at any time after guests have begun to be seated for the ceremony or during the ceremony itself *with two exceptions*. Two flash photographs may be taken within the nave. For the first, the photographer may step into the aisle and take a single photograph of those being married when they begin the procession to the chancel. For the second, from the aisle at the back of the nave the photographer may take a single flash photograph as the couple walks down the aisle at the end of the ceremony.
- No other photography, flash or otherwise, is permitted during the marriage ceremony.
- Because wedding guests occasionally attempt to take flash photographs during the marriage service, a sign will be posted at the church doors reminding guests that there are to be no photographs taken during the ceremony. Ushers will be asked to remind guest arriving with cameras that they are not to take photographs inside the Cathedral once the candles have been lighted. Flash photography can be disruptive not only to the wedding party, but to guests as well. The couple — as well as the entire wedding party — can be helpful in encouraging friends and relatives not to take pictures.
- A limited number of flash photographs (not to exceed those that can be taken within a twenty-minute period) may be taken of the wedding party after the service inside the Cathedral or Chapel after the last guests have left the room. Photographs taken after the ceremony should be limited to the wedding party and families. The candles will be extinguished at the conclusion of the ceremony and will not remain lighted during the photography period.
- The photographer may not go inside the altar rail at any time to take photographs. In general, the photographer should never be in front of any seated guests.

- The photographer is a guest of the Cathedral at the wedding ceremony and is expected to observe the rules adopted by the Cathedral.
- The photographer is encouraged to keep equipment with them at all times. The Cathedral cannot be responsible for loss or damage.
- If the wedding party wishes the liturgy to be videotaped, the name and contact number of the videographer must be supplied to the Cathedral wedding coordinator at least 60 days in advance of the service. The videographer may place the video camera on a tripod at a fixed location at the back of the church. There can be no cords obstructing the path of worshipers. The video camera must be silent, and it cannot have auxiliary lighting. If the wedding party wishes to use the Cathedral's designated video service provider, the Cathedral Wedding Liaison will supply contact information.

### **FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS**

The Cathedral Altar Guild is responsible for all floral decorations in the Cathedral. Arrangements for all floral decorations should be made only after consultation with the Flower Chair of the Altar Guild. The couple is asked to give the name and phone number of their florist to the Weddings Liaison. An information sheet will be sent to the florist with the Cathedral policy regarding flowers in the church. It should be emphasized that flowers are not required. As there are usually altar flowers delivered on Saturday for the Sunday services, these arrangements may be used for the wedding ceremony. If separate floral decorations are desired, however, they should begin with the Cathedral altar reredos where two arrangements are suggested (using the brass vases provided by the Cathedral). Florists will be advised that their arrangements must be delivered in disposable liners that conform to the Cathedral vases. If additional flowers are desired, floor vases that sit beside the reredos may be used. Bows are not to be used on any arrangements at the altar or on the pews. Floral pew markers are permitted, but no artificial or dyed flowers or greenery may be used anywhere in the Cathedral. Tacks, nails, or florist tape may not be used throughout the building. The use of rice, rose petals, seed or confetti is not permitted. In general, it is well to remember that the Cathedral is a beautiful building and that simplicity is the best approach to take in planning flowers and floral decorations. If floral decorations are determined to be inappropriate after they are delivered, the Altar Guild reserves the right to alter them so they are in keeping with the standards for worship at Christ Church Cathedral. Plastic and artificial flowers are not acceptable for use within the Cathedral or Chapel. The wedding flowers for the Cathedral should be delivered at a time agreed upon with the wedding's coordinator. A member of the Altar Guild is responsible for actually placing the flowers on the Cathedral or chapel altar reredos as well as positioning the floor vases. Following the wedding ceremony, floral arrangements used in the Cathedral will be taken to the sick or the homebound by a member of the Cathedral's flower delivery guild. Suggestions in this connection from the couple will be welcomed.

A list of florists who have furnished flowers for the Cathedral in the past is available from the Weddings Liaison. Please contact the liaison for the list of recommended florists prior to ordering your flowers so that you can obtain the service of those approved by the Cathedral.

Because of the city fire ordinance, lighted candles are not permitted in the nave of either the Cathedral or the Golding Chapel. Altar candles in each location are furnished by the Cathedral. Six seven-branch brass floor candelabra are used in the Cathedral. These candelabra are

positioned inside the rood screen and are not permitted in the nave of the Cathedral. No greenery or other decoration is permitted on the candelabra. Flowers may be placed in baptismal shells provided by the Cathedral on the end of the choir stalls.

A kneeling cushion is provided by the Cathedral for all weddings, whether in the Cathedral or Chapel. Because of the danger of tripping, the use of a “runner” is not permitted. Guests are seated from the side aisles. The center aisle is reserved for the immediate families and for the wedding party itself. While a guest registry book may be appropriate for a reception, it is not appropriate at the time of the wedding itself. Because the presence of a guest book delays the seating of guests arriving for the ceremony, the use of a guest book at the Cathedral is not permitted.

The Cathedral does not have an awning. Though not considered desirable or even particularly helpful, if an awning is desired — usually only if the weather is inclement — arrangements for its installation must be made with the appropriate rental agency. If an awning is used, the rental company must coordinate installation of the awning with the Weddings Liaison. Also, it is important that arrangements be made to have it removed by 10:00 p.m. on Saturday evening for a Saturday wedding. Timing related to weddings on other days of the week needs to be discussed with the Weddings Liaison.

## **MUSIC**

The Dean delegates the responsibility of all music at the Cathedral to the Cathedral Organist who will play for all weddings in the Cathedral or Golding Chapel. If the Cathedral Organist is unable to play for the service, the organist will designate a substitute. If a soloist is desired, arrangements will be made by the Cathedral Organist. Additionally, both the adult Cathedral Choir and the children’s Treble Choir are available to provide choral music for weddings. Please contact the Canon for Music at the Cathedral, Robert Simpson ([rlsimpson@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:rlsimpson@christchurchcathedral.org)) if you would like a choir to sing at your ceremony. Only music appropriate for an Episcopal worship service at Christ Church Cathedral is to be used, whether instrumental, choral or vocal. It is important to remember that a wedding is first and foremost a worship service. There is much wonderful music appropriate for a wedding reception that is not suitable for a worship service at the Cathedral. Music from movies, Broadway shows or popular culture is not suitable. The Cathedral Organist (in consultation with the Dean) will be the final judge as to the appropriateness of all music used. Appointments to discuss the wedding music with the Cathedral Organist may be made by emailing [drobinson@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:drobinson@christchurchcathedral.org).

## **THE REHEARSAL**

The time for the wedding rehearsal should be determined in consultation with the officiating priest. Rehearsals are normally scheduled for either 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. on the evening preceding the wedding. If there are two weddings scheduled for the same day, the wedding first on the church calendar will have the first choice of rehearsal times. No rehearsal will be scheduled to begin after 6:00 p.m.

The officiating priest always conducts the rehearsal. If an Episcopal priest other than one of the Cathedral clergy is the officiant, a member of the Cathedral clergy staff will generally be present at the rehearsal. The Wedding Liaison will supply any further assistance.

Wedding consultants and/or florists are not needed at either the rehearsal or the wedding. They are, of course, welcome to attend to the couple before the wedding. If a wedding consultant is utilized, they should understand that they will work under the direction of the Cathedral clergy and the Wedding Liaison.

It is required that the couple both be full and active participants in the rehearsal. As one of the purposes of the rehearsal is to give participants a “feel” for the wedding liturgy and the space in which it is conducted, the use of a stand-in for either one of the couple at the time of the rehearsal is not permitted.

As those people from the Cathedral who are assisting with the wedding rehearsal often have other plans for the same evening, it is expected that every effort will be made to start and end the rehearsal on time. It is not unusual for more than one wedding rehearsal to be scheduled on the same evening.

Photographs during the rehearsal may be taken only with the officiating clergy’s approval. If permission has been granted, those taking the photos must remain in the nave. Under no circumstances may photos be taken from the chancel or from behind the altar rail.

Children involved with or attending the rehearsal are expected to be supervised to maintain the quiet and solemn dignity of the holy space.

## **THE WEDDING DAY**

### *Dressing Areas*

There is one dressing area on the Cathedral premises available for the wedding party two hours before the wedding is scheduled to begin. Dresses or other clothing are usually delivered on the morning of the day of the wedding (at a time agreed upon by calling the Wedding Liaison), and one of the sextons will always be on the premises after the delivery.

Christ Church Cathedral cannot be responsible for purses or other valuables that are left in the dressing area. It is strongly suggested (and required in cases of multiple weddings) that someone clears the dressing area of all possessions prior to the ceremony.

### *Ushers*

The Wedding Liaison will instruct ushers at the wedding rehearsal. Generally, ushers are expected to be in the back of the church on the bell porch 45 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. They are expected to begin seating the guests as soon as they arrive. Special guests will be seated by the ushers five minutes before the wedding ceremony begins. The couple is asked to provide the Wedding Liaison with the names of the special guests, and if possible, where they are to sit.

### *Assembling the Wedding Party*

The Wedding Liaison will assemble the wedding party and space them properly for the procession. All members of the wedding party will gather in the Mellinger Room or in Reynolds Hall thirty minutes prior to the ceremony. The Wedding Liaison will escort these members of the wedding party to the Cathedral for special seating at the appropriate time.

### **ALCOHOL AND BEVERAGE POLICY**

No alcoholic beverages are allowed anywhere on the Cathedral grounds. No smoking is allowed anywhere in the Cathedral buildings.

### **TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES**

The Cathedral's telephone number is 713-222-2593. This number should be used for any of the clergy, the Organist & Choirmaster, and the Weddings Liaison at the Cathedral. By calling this number, appointment arrangements may be made.

The Cathedral's mailing address is 1117 Texas Avenue, Houston, Texas 77002

Please visit the Cathedral's website: [www.christchurchcathedral.org](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org).

### **A FINAL WORD**

We hope that you will find this booklet helpful, as you anticipate and plan this wonderful and sacred event in your life. We want you to know that we view your wedding day, in this community of faith, with the sanctity and care it deserves. And we pray for God's blessing on your life together.

## SUGGESTED SERVICE PROVIDERS

This is simply a list of a few professional photographers and florists who have done work at the Cathedral and are familiar with our policies.

### **Photographers**

Joseph West Photography      832-422-7787

Henry Wang                      832-409-0997

Reinaldo Medina                713-885-5668

### **Florists**

Mark Anthony                    713-524-7679  
(provides most Sunday Flowers)

Empty Vase                      713-529-9969

Bergner & Johnson              713-662-3769

Flower Chair for Christ Church Cathedral -- Altar Guild      Lisa Viktorin

Suggestions for other services that you may need are:

### Videographer

Blueprint Films                    281-813-5799  
(Brian Frye)

### Sound Engineers

HSS AV                              713-589-8825

Security                      Cathedral office makes the arrangements.

Reception                  Magnolia Hotel Houston,  
(located across from the Cathedral at 1100 Texas Ave): 713-221-0011  
The Sam Houston Hotel  
(located across from the Cathedral at 1117 Prairie St): (832) 200-8800

**RECEIPT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I have received and read the Christ Church Cathedral Wedding Customary and agree to conduct my wedding rehearsal and ceremony in accordance with the prescribed rules, policies and guidelines established and detailed within the customary. I will inform the appropriate contractors, family members, etc. affiliated with my wedding (including florists, photographers, caterers, etc.) that they are also bound by these rules, policies and guidelines.

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Signature

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Printed

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Signature

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Printed

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Date

*Please sign this acknowledgement. Then complete the Wedding Information Form on the reverse side, detach this sheet from the customary and return it to the Weddings Liaison. No wedding at Christ Church Cathedral will be confirmed until the signed Receipt and Acknowledgement and the completed first section (page 18) of the Wedding Information Form have been received by the Cathedral's Weddings Liaison.*



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
 1117 TEXAS AVENUE  
 HOUSTON TX 77002  
 713 222-2593

### WEDDING INFORMATION FORM

WEDDING DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ CATHEDRAL \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPEL \_\_\_\_\_

REHEARSAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIATING CLERGY \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST CLERGY \_\_\_\_\_



FULL NAME

FULL NAME

MARITAL STATUS: SINGLE DIVORCED WIDOWED

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: HOME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: HOME: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION**

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BAPTIZED \_\_\_ DENOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

BAPTIZED \_\_\_ DENOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

CONFIRMED \_\_\_ DENOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

CONFIRMED \_\_\_ DENOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNICANT \_\_\_ DENOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNICANT \_\_\_ DENOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

**FATHER'S FULL NAME**

**FATHER'S FULL NAME**

BIRTHPLACE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE

BIRTHPLACE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE

**MOTHER'S FULL MAIDEN NAME**

**MOTHER'S FULL MAIDEN NAME**

BIRTHPLACE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE

BIRTHPLACE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE

**THE MARRIAGE SERVICE**  
**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

**FORM DUE 6 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING**

**WEDDING DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL NAME:**

**FULL NAME:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**HOLY EUCHARIST?** YES NO

**USE OF CATHEDRAL ALTAR FLOWERS?** YES NO

**CATHEDRAL WEDDING PROGRAM?** (\$1.00 EACH) YES NO

**Nº. OF GUESTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are having Cathedral-produced programs, list the names of your parents as they will appear in the program.*

**PARENTS**

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\_\_\_\_\_

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*A reading from a Gospel is required with Holy Communion.*

**NAME OF READER**

*With Holy Communion, the priest will read the Gospel.*

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**MUSIC** *Include solos or instrumentals, if applicable.*

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**ATTENDANTS**

LISTED AS YOU WOULD WANT THEM IN YOUR WEDDING PROGRAM

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**Nº. OF RING BEARER(S):** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGES(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**NAMES OF HOUSE PARTY:** *(If any)*

**Nº. OF USHERS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**IF THERE ARE ANY FAMILY CONCERNS SUCH AS SEATING OR PROCESSING, PLEASE DESCRIBE THEM HERE. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR REQUESTS.**

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