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Your marriage is a sacrament — an outward and visible expression of God's grace in bringing you together and nurturing your love.



God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 1 John 4:16

The Celebration and Blessing of Marriage

Weddings at Christ Church Cathedral

"Christian marriage is a solemn and public covenant between a man and a woman in the presence of God," (Book of Common Prayer, 422.) The marriage of two people is a holy union. It begins with your desire to form a lasting, life-long partnership with another in God's love, and continues throughout your lives as a process of intentional living and growing together. In a marriage, each of you as an individual, and together as a couple, gradually transforms and matures in God's presence and image.

A wedding is a sacred rite that celebrates your desire to enter into a life-long relationship. It is the ending of former ways of life and other future possibilities, and establishes a particular pathway into the future – one that you promise to travel together.

By uniting within the context of a faith community, you recognize that God is active in the love you feel for one another, and you place your relationship in God's care. Your individual stories – and your story as a couple – are celebrated in the context of the story of God and God's ways with the human community, as understood within a particular community of faith.

In a Christian marriage, your personal stories are seen in the light of God's action in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ's unfolding pattern in our lives is one of dying to self and rising to Christ, of transformation, and of self-offering. A Christian relationship is the living out of a self-giving way of being in community with one another, in the larger context of the Christian community.

Your wedding celebrates a life-long commitment. You make your vows before God and the gathered community of family, friends and the Church, and receive the grace and blessing of God to help you fulfill your vows. Your marriage is a sacrament – an outward and visible expression of God's grace in bringing you together and nurturing your love.

Welcome

We welcome weddings at our Cathedral for active members and their families, as well as for fellow Episcopalians throughout the Diocese of Indianapolis. If you are an active member of the Cathedral, please contact any of our clergy to schedule an initial meeting, where you will receive a wedding packet, review possible dates and times, and establish a schedule for your premarital counseling. If you are an active member of another congregation in the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, please ask your parish Rector or Vicar to send a written letter of inquiry to The Very Reverend Stephen Carlsen, Dean and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral.

If you are not an active member of the Cathedral, we that you enroll in the Catechumenate for Newcomers, our four-month preparatory process which runs from January to April of each year. This requirement must be completed before a newcomber can be married at Christ Church Cathedral.

Weddings in the Episcopal Church

A wedding in the Episcopal Church is governed by *The Book of Common Prayer*, Canon Law and the laws of the State of Indiana. *The Book of Common Prayer* is the foundation for all Episcopal worship services and provides the liturgical framework in which a wedding is celebrated.

To be married at Christ Church Cathedral, it is required that:

- either the bride or groom is baptized
- either the bride or groom is a member in good standing (regularly attending and a giver of record) of the Cathedral or an active member of another congregation in the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis
- the ceremony be attested by at least two witnesses
- the marriage conform to the laws of the State of Indiana and the Canons of the Church
- a couple new to the Cathedral has completed the Catechumenate course
- the couple has a valid wedding license from the Marion County Clerk.

For Those From Other Parishes in the Diocese of Indianapolis

We welcome other clergy in the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis to use the Cathedral to perform marriages for their own parishioners. Please have your parish priest send a letter of interest to the Dean and Rector at 55 Monument Circle, Suite 600, Indianapolis, Ind. 46204.



I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3:16-17

Scheduling

Weddings at the Cathedral are scheduled on Saturdays between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., typically during those seasons of the Church year with a focus on celebrating new life. Marriage liturgies are not scheduled during Lent, Holy Week, or the Christmas season. So that you may have the best experience possible, the Cathedral can accommodate only one wedding per day.

Except in cases of unforeseen pastoral emergency, the Cathedral requires at least nine months advance notice for any prospective wedding. This allows plenty of time to plan your liturgy, complete your premarital retreat, and meet with the priest who will officiate at your wedding. In addition, it increases the chance that your chosen date will be available given the Cathedral's full schedule of activities.

Wedding dates and times are scheduled by the officiating priest, subject to the final approval of the Dean. As you plan, please be aware that you may arrive up to two hours before the service and stay up to one hour after the wedding. Part of what we've learned in our experience with weddings in this city leads us to ask that you take responsibility for seeing that both rehearsal and wedding start times are honored. Indianapolis traffic, particularly on busy weekends, can be counted on to delay everyone, so plan accordingly. Because of the vibrant and active life of the Cathedral community, we often have other services and activities scheduled within a reasonable time after your wedding.

Please contact the Cathedral office at (317) 636-4577 for more information.

In Case of a Previous Marriage

If one or both of you has been divorced from a previous marriage, permission to solemnize your marriage must be obtained from the Bishop of the Diocese. Please inform the officiating priest so that proper steps may be taken. You also must submit a copy of your divorce decree to the Cathedral office.

In making such decisions, the bishop will consider:

- the depth of understanding of the individual as to why the previous relationship did not endure;
- the continuing care of and consideration for the former spouse and for any children involved in the relationship;
- and faithfulness to the dissolution agreements of the previous marriage.



For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

Ephesians 5: 31-33



Premarital Preparation

While the wedding ceremony itself is very important, the development of a solid foundation for your ongoing marital relationship is of greater significance. Because we want to support your living into your wedding vows in an intentional and faithful way, Christ Church Cathedral requires premarital preparation of all couples.

All couples are required to complete one intensive two-day weekend retreat (offered each January) to deepen your spiritual relationship with each other and to connect with other couples preparing for marriage in the congregation. Couples joining the Cathedral community also must be a part of the Catechumenate, a four-month-long course that focuses on who we are as Episcopalians and as Christians.

Couples in residence at another Episcopal church in the Diocese should provide the contact information for their priest, who will be responsible for their premarital preparation.

Music

Music is an integral part of any wedding. Because a wedding is a service of worship, the liturgical guidelines for music are subject to the same standards as music for any other worship service; secular pieces are not permitted at Christ Church Cathedral, and all music requested is subject to approval by the Canon Director of Music and the Dean. The following is a list of pieces deemed most suitable and appropriate for use in the Cathedral.

Procession of the Bride

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	J. S. Bach
Arrival of the Queen of Sheba	Handel
Canon in D	Pachelbel
Bridal March (from Lohengrin)	Wagner

Recession of the Bride and Groom

Sinfonia to Cantata 29	J. S. Bach
Wedding March	Mendelssohn
Crown Imperial	Walton
Toccata (from <i>Symphonie V</i>)	Widor

While some of these pieces have a secular background, tradition has deemed them acceptable for use at church services.

A hymn (or hymns) sung by the entire congregation is also appropriate and encouraged. The following are considered most suitable for a wedding ceremony:*

376	Joyful, joyful, we adore thee
410	Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven
518	Christ is made the sure foundation
516	Come down, O Love divine

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As God's chosen ones,
holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with
compassion, kindness,
humility, meekness, and
patience.
Colossians 3:12

645	The King of Love my shepherd is
653	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
657	Love Divine all loves excelling
671	Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound

If the service is also to include the celebration of the Eucharist the following are also appropriate:*

Let us break bread together on our knees

460 Alleluia Sing to Jesus

In addition, one of the Cathedral's professional staff singers may also be hired to assist in leading the congregational singing and, if desired, to sing one of the following solo items:

Laudate Dominum
Ave Maria
Schubert
Ave Maria
Bach/Gounod
Come my way, my truth, my life
Vaughan Williams

Alternatively, you may wish to hire the full Cathedral Choir. If this is the case, please contact the Cathedral's Fellow in Sacred Music at least six months prior to your ceremony.

Prior to meeting with your priest to make final wedding preparations, please make every effort to decide from the choices above what music you would like at your service. Recordings of all hymns and pieces should be easily available online via YouTube and/or iTunes.

If you require any further assistance, the Cathedral Fellow in Sacred Music, who is responsible for the music at all Cathedral wedding ceremonies, will be available to offer advice and guidance during the Wedding Retreat.

Candles

Altar candles will be lit for your wedding. Pew candles are available as well for an additional expense. Additional candles, including unity candles, are not a part of Episcopal wedding liturgies and are not permitted.

Flowers

One or two large flower arrangements may be placed at the altar, and, if desired, two additional arrangements may be placed at the crossing. Any altar flowers that you provide for the worship space should remain in the Cathedral following the service. An acknowledgement of your wedding is listed in that Sunday's service bulletins.

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Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Colossians 3:13



^{*}Hymn numbers refer to the 1982 Hymnal of the Episcopal Church, and again, recordings of all these hymns should be available online.

If you will be using the aisle/pew candles, twining plants may be used but not springeri. To minimize damage, flowers and other decorations are not permitted on pews.

We recommend having your florist visit the Cathedral to become familiar with our space. El Jardin Del Eden provides our floral needs and is familiar with our requirements and limitations.

El Jardin Del Eden, 5323 W. 56th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46254, (317) 345-4859.

Still Photography

We work to maintain a joyful and sacred atmosphere in the wedding service. Professional photographers understand this, and they will agree to minimize distractions and respect the sacred nature of the building and the liturgy. Flash photography at anytime is not allowed during the service. Flash photography may be used before and after the service only. Please invite your photographer to the rehearsal so that he or she is familiar with the space.

Photos by Professionals

Professional photos are usually taken starting two hours before the service begins, so that photos are completed prior to the arrival of guests. Photos may also be taken following the service.

Photos by Guests

Please inform your guests that flash photography is not allowed during your wedding liturgy. The liturgical portion of your printed service leaflet will include the following:

Because our wedding is a holy service of worship, and we want you to be fully present with us and to God during this time, we ask that you refrain from taking flash photography or shooting video during the worship service. Following the service, use discretion with your camera so that when the professional photographer is taking commissioned pictures, your flash will not overexpose his or her shots. Please remember to turn off all cell phones and audible pagers. Thank you.

Videography

Videotaping of your wedding is permitted in the nave or gallery. Special lighting may not be used, and the videographer should remain at a stationary tripod at the back of the church or gallery. You may wish to invite your videographer to your rehearsal so that he/she may be better prepared on the day of the service.

Aisle Runners

Aisle runners are not used, as they distract from the simplicity of the Cathedral's worship space and may damage the historic building.

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Above all, clothe yourselves with 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.

Colossians 3:14-15

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Your Service Leaflet

Because of the participative nature of the Celebration and Blessing of Marriage in the Episcopal Church, your service leaflet is a very important part of your wedding preparation process. The service leaflet contains information that guides those in attendance at your wedding and helps them actively participate as a community. This service is prepared by the office staff and cannot accommodate special or pre-purchased covers.

Facilities

The Cathedral nave comfortably seats 300 guests (maximum capacity is 400). Confetti, rice, birdseed, rose petals, balloons or other such items are not permitted inside the Cathedral. Bubbles or rose petals may be used outside the Cathedral as you leave following your service.

Receptions/Rehearsal Dinner:

The Cathedral can accommodate small receptions or rehearsal dinners, depending on the parish calendar and staff availability. Catering by church staff is by direct contact with the steward (food service director). An independent caterer can be used with the steward's consent. Receptions must be completed and the Parish Hall cleared no later than 8 p.m. (to facilitate set-up for Sunday morning activities).

Limousines and Special Transportation

If you plan to use a limousine or other special transportation after your wedding, please note that the area in front of the Cathedral is a hotel drop-off and pick-up zone and not available for limousine parking. Your driver should park on Meridian Street. Please notify us in advance and we will reserve the space and make necessary arrangements with the city. Your driver should remain with the vehicle while waiting for the conclusion of your service.

Children in the Wedding Party

Children in the wedding party must be 5 years old and must be supervised by a designated adult. This is to ensure their comfort and enjoyment as they participate in your wedding. Arrangements for a professionally staffed nursery can be made through the Cathedral office with at least 60 days' notice. Please contact the office for details and fees.

Parking

If parking arrangements are included in your wedding package, parking is available in the EZ Park Garage at 20 N. Pennsylvania St. Please have your guests bring their parking tickets to the Cathedral for validation.



Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4: 7



Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4: 11-12 &

The Rehearsal

The purpose of a rehearsal is to help you and your party be more comfortable with their roles in your liturgy.

Rehearsals will start on time. Attentive participation in the rehearsal helps every person, regardless of his or her role, become more familiar and comfortable with the worship space and the liturgy itself – thereby helping everyone to be more fully present to you and to God on the day of your wedding.

Rehearsals begin at 4 p.m. the day before your wedding and will conclude by 4:45 before evening services. The music staff will already have reviewed the music with you and will not be present at the rehearsal. The sexton will, however, be present at the rehearsal to provide assistance. In addition, your photographer should attend, and, if you have employed a bridal consultant, he or she should also plan to attend.

The Day of the Service

In addition to the one-hour rehearsal, the standard wedding fee includes use of the Cathedral for a maximum of four hours on the day of your service. This includes time for photography.

Dressing room facilities are provided at the Cathedral but are limited. It is recommended that the groom's party arrives dressed and ready for the service. A private room is provided for final preparations for the bride and her party.

Wedding Preparation Check List

My wedd	ing date is:	
	Schedule in person meeting with parish clergy	
	Determine and reserve date and time with Cathedral office at least nine months in advance	
	Complete wedding information form and return with deposit	
	Return Declaration of Intention	
	Enroll in Catechumenate	
	Enroll in Marriage Workshop retreat weekend	
	Meet with officiant to finalize service	
	Choose scripture readings	
	Complete music selections	
	Return Bulletin Information Form (4-6 weeks prior)	
	Return Scripture & Music Form (4-6 weeks prior)	
	Obtain wedding license from Marion County Clerk.	
	Pay final fees.	
	Hold rehearsal with clergy, attendants, ushers, family, photographer, and sexton	
	Other	
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Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not rejoice in wrong doing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a

Notes





Declaration of Intention

We,	and	, desiring to receive the
olessing of Holy Mat	rimony in the Church, do solemnly de	eclare that we hold marriage to be a
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We believe that the i	union of husband and wife, in heart, bo	ody, and mind, is intended by God for
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	ne procreation of children and their nu	urture in the knowledge and love of the
Lord.		
8 8	urselves, so far as in us lies, to make ou	ur utmost effort to establish this
	Signature	
	Signature	
	Date	

Full name Full name Preferred name for vows Preferred name for vows Home address Home address City, State & ZIP City, State & ZIP Daytime & Evening Telephone Daytime & Evening Telephone E-mail address E-mail address Date of Birth Date of Birth Age Age State of Birth State of Birth Race (required by Indiana state law for license) Race (required by Indiana state law for license) Last year in school completed (required by Indiana state law for license) Last year in school completed (required by Indiana state law for license) Father's full name Father's full name Father's place of birth Father's place of birth Mother's full name Mother's full name Mother's maiden name Mother's maiden name Mother's place of birth Mother's place of birth ☐ Member of Christ Church Cathedral ☐ Member of Christ Church Cathedral Other church affiliation Other church affiliation ☐ Confirmed ☐ Confirmed ☐ Baptized ☐ Baptized Previously married No. _____ Divorced Widowed Previously married No. _____ Divorced Widowed 4:00 p.m. Wedding date Wedding time Rehearsal date Rehearsal time Holy Communion Yes No Officiant Organist

Groom's Information

Bride's Information



Wedding Fees

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(used	dral usage fees include: use of facility, premarital preparate to assist the poor and those in need), organist, sexton, a refore the wedding will receive a 50% return of deposit.	nd basic C	Order of Service leaflet. Weddings cancelled prior to 30
	\$1,200 (\$800 for Cathedral members in good standin	g as define	ed by Cathedral by-laws)
Music			
Music choirs	must be discussed with the Cathedral's organist well i :	n advance	of the wedding. Additional fees are charged for the
•	\$250 Boys' or Girls' Choir (Semi-chorus) \$600 Men and Boys' Choir (Semi-chorus) \$1,000 Full Choir \$150 per soloist		 ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No
Weda	ling Packages		
only)	Package A – No charge (available to members Officiant only		Package D – Deposit + \$450 The Marriage Service with Eucharist Organist Service Leaflet Lay Eucharist Minister
	Package B – Included in deposit The Marriage Service with Eucharist Organist Service Leaflet		Seven-branch candelabra Aisle candles Parking during service Parking during rehearsal
	Package C – Deposit + \$200 The Marriage Service with Eucharist Organist Service Leaflet Seven-branch candelabra Parking during service		Package E – Deposit + \$600 The Marriage Service with Eucharist Organist Full service program Lay Eucharist Minister Seven-branch candelabra Aisle candles Bellringers Parking during service Parking during rehearsal
Total	wedding fees (due in the office 60 days prior to your we	edding)	Total: \$



Scripture and Music Form

Name of Wedding:	Date & Time:
Officiant/Celebrant:	
Assisting Clergy:	
Holy Communion: ☐ Yes ☐ N	О
SCRI	PTURE READINGS
Old Testament:	Reader:
Psalm:	Reader:
New Testament:	Reader:
Gospel:	Gospeller:
Homilist:	
	MUSIC
Prelude Music	Composer:
Processional(s):	Composer:
Hymns/Anthems/Solos:*	Composer:
Recessional:	Composer:
Organist:	
Other:	

* Please include composer, hymn number and/or name of soloist, if applicable

Please fill out while in discussion with clergy and organist/choirmaster. When completed, email this form to LaurenG@cccindy.org.



Wedding Bulletin Information Form

(Please type or print. Include full names as you wish them to appear in the program.)

Bride's Name		
Parents of the Bride		
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Maid/Matron of Honor (circle one)		
Bridesmaids or Bridal Attendants	s (circle one)	
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Flower girl(s)		
Groom's Name		
Parents of the Groom		
Best Man		
Groomsmen or Groom's Attenda	ants (circle one)	
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Ring bearer(s)		
Ushers		
Others:		
Readers:		

Thank you and/or Acknowledgements	
Newlyweds' New Address:	
Paper Color: □ White □	Cream
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Number of copies needed	d:
the clergy and organist	e readings and wedding music selections (after talking with choirmaster) along with this form to Lauren Good 2). For the order of service bulletin please allow 4 weeks and

for the long program (available for communion services only) please allow 6 weeks. You will receive a proof before final printing.

Mail to: Christ Church Cathedral, Attn: Lauren Good, 55 Monument Circle, Suite 600,

Indianapolis, IN 46204-2917

Email to: LaurenG@cccindy.org



Florist Information and Agreement

Dear Florist:		
We understand you are doing the flower to working with you, and want you to be agreement and return it to the couple; po other decorations must be in keeping with	e aware of our polici llease keep the secon	es. Please sign one copy of this d copy for your records. Flowers and
In the nave (the large main worship space altar, and if desired, two additional arrangou provide for the worship space typica thanksgiving of the wedding.	ngements may be pla	ced at the crossing. Any flowers that
If you will be using the aisle/pew candle and other decorations are not permitted petals to be tossed anywhere in the build	on the pews. Aisle r	
All decorations must be removed within	1 hour after the cere	emony.
I/We, as florist for the wedding at Chris regarding flowers for the ceremony.	st Church Cathedral,	will follow all rules and restrictions
Signed		Dated
Print name and address		
Phone		E-mail



Signed

Photographer/Videographer Information and Agreement

Dear Photographer/Videographer;
We understand that you are taking pictures for the wedding. We look forward to working with you, and want you to be aware of our policies. Please sign one copy of this agreement and return it to the couple; please keep the second copy for your records. To avoid distractions which take away from the ceremony we ask that you adhere to the following guidelines:
 Professional photos are taken starting two hours before the service begins, so that photos are completed prior to the arrival of guests. Photos may be taken anywhere in the worship space and on Cathedral grounds. Flash photography of any kind is not allowed during the service. (Photographs must be taken by available light only.) During the processional and recessional, the photographer may stand behind the pews. During the service itself, the photographer must remain in the balcony at all times so as not to distract from the liturgy. Any special arrangements must be made prior to the rehearsal. Videotaping is permitted in the nave. Special lighting may not be used, and the videographers should remain at the back of the church. Video taping arrangements must be made one month prior to your wedding. The photographer and videographer should attend your rehearsal so that they may be better prepared on the day of the service.
I/We agree to the above guidelines, and respect that the officiating clergy person has the final say regarding any changes or additions to these policies.
Photographer/Videographer (please print)
Company name
City State Zip Telephone

Date