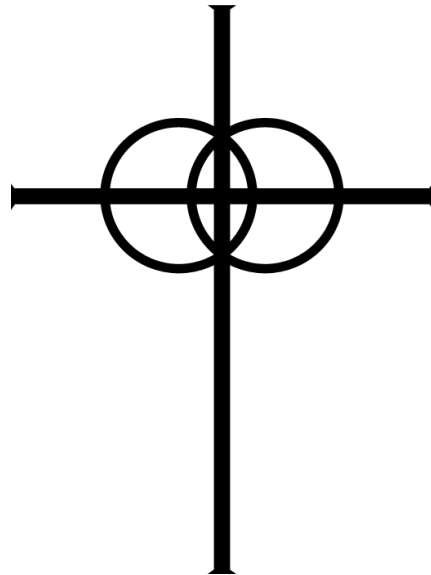


*Wedding
Preparation
Class Handouts*



All Saints' Episcopal Church
Fort Worth, Texas

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Declaration of Intention

We,

and

desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a life-long union of husband and wife as it is set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.

We believe that the union of husband and wife, in heart, body, and mind, is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

And we do engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto.

Groom

Bride

Date

[Please turn in at next group session.]

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A Helpful Timetable

Event and how long in advance	Date
Initial Consultation, Setting Date, Begin Pre-Marital Course Formal Wear/Dresses Planning 6 months in advance of wedding is.....	_____
Final selection of Reception Site Caterer for receptions 5 months in advance of wedding is.....	_____
Consultation with Flower Guild Consultation with Musician 4 months in advance of wedding is.....	_____
Preparation of Service Leaflet Finish Pre-Marital Course 2 months in advance of wedding is.....	_____
Pay fees, Send out invitations Mail invitation to parish office for file 1 month in advance of wedding is	_____
Rehearsal day before the wedding is	_____
Wedding day is	_____
Thank You notes to Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Preparing Clergy mailed no later than one month after the wedding is.....	_____

We have reviewed the Wedding Customary of All Saints' Episcopal Church. We understand and agree to abide by the policies and guidelines which are set forth in the Customary.

Bride

Groom

Priest

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HOLY MATRIMONY INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Last Names of Bride and Groom

Date of Application

To be filled out by the church

Date of Ceremony: _____ Hour of Ceremony: _____

Officiant: _____ Location: _____

Other Clergy Participants: _____

Date of Rehearsal: _____ Hour of Rehearsal: _____

Fees

Pre-Marital Testing: _____ Flowers: _____ Service Leaflet: _____ Good Neighbor: _____

Organist: _____ Sexton: _____ Thank Offering: _____ Service Leaflet: _____

Number of Attendants _____ Bridesmaids: _____ Groomsmen: _____ Ushers: _____

Ring Bearers: _____ Flower Girls: _____ Lectors: _____

Other (specify): _____

Expected Attendance: _____

Location of Reception: _____

Names of Witnesses _____ Best Man: _____

Maid/Matron of Honor _____

Permanent Address after Marriage: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GROOM

Full Name: _____

Name to be used in marriage ceremony: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Business Phone: _____

Previously Married? _____

Baptized? _____

In what denomination? _____

Confirmed? _____

In what denomination? _____

Current Church Membership: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age: _____

Birth Place: _____

Groom's Father's Full Name: _____

Living? _____

Groom's Mother's Full Name (*including maiden*): _____

Living? _____

Groom's Parents' Address: _____

BRIDE

Full Name: _____

Name to be used in marriage ceremony: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Business Phone: _____

Previously Married? _____

Baptized? _____

In what denomination? _____

Confirmed? _____

In what denomination? _____

Current Church Membership: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age: _____

Birth Place: _____

Bride's Father's Full Name: _____

Living? _____

Bride's Mother's Full Name (*including maiden*): _____

Living? _____

Bride's Parents' Address: _____

Marriage Homework Family Tree

Part I

Make a family tree, going back no fewer than two generations (to your grandparents) and no farther than four generations and supply the following information:

Who married whom and how many (include names) children were born?
What did they do for a living?
Were any either profoundly wealthy or desperately poor?
What were their greatest joys as a couple and/or family?
What were their greatest challenges as a couple and/or family?
Were their issues of addiction (drugs, alcohol, gambling, over-eating, sexual, etc.)?

The creation of this family tree will invariably involve interviewing parents and/or grandparents and asking questions. Do not do this exercise from memory without consulting these people, when living and available. Feel free to share that you are doing this as an exercise in preparation for marriage.

Part II

Create three lists, with no fewer than ten items on each list, completing the questions below (one list with ten items for each sentence):

I was/am attracted to my fiancé because
I believe that my fiancé was/is attracted to me because
I feel loved and cared for when my fiancé

Be specific in your completion of these sentences. “Because he’s/she’s nice” is of no help at all. The more specific the better.

Turn these assignments in at the next session.

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

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Fort Worth, Texas

Sign BOTH parts of this Authorization and turn in at next session. Immediately call Lynn Busch at 817-703-3319 to acquire the psychological tests and to arrange a follow-up appointment.

We, _____ and _____, hereby authorize the release of testing results and consultation to Laura D. Fleming, M.S. and Lynn Busch, M.S., L.M.F.T., from The Reverend Christopher N. Jambor of All Saints' Episcopal Church. This information may include psychological test results and assessment of results, psychological treatment, and/or medical treatment.

In consideration of this consent, we hereby release the above parties from any and all liability arising therefrom.

Signature Date

Signature Date

Witness Date

We, _____ and _____, hereby authorize the release of testing results and consultation to The Reverend Christopher N. Jambor of All Saints' Episcopal Church from Laura Fleming, M.S., and Lynn Busch, M.S., L.M.F.T. This information may include psychological test results and assessment of results, psychological treatment, and/or medical treatment.

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Signature Date

Signature Date

Witness Date

Marriage Preparation Bible Study

In a Bible that is easy for you to read and understand, look up the following passages with your partner. Read them carefully and discuss them individually. Then, after you have read and studied each, write a brief reflection on each one of them covering the following areas:

- A. What basically is being said by the writer?
- B. Does this have anything to offer my/our particular situation today?
- C. How, if at all, could that impact our married life?

Do this together and take your time; do not try and do all of these passages at one sitting. Continue your reflection on the back of these pages if additional space is necessary. Bring this completed Bible study back at the next session.

Genesis 1:26-28

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-24

Song of Solomon 2:10-13, 8:6-7

Tobit (Apocrypha) 8:5b-8

Psalm 67

Psalm 127

Psalm 128

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Ephesians 3:14-19

Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33

Colossians 3:12-17

I John 4:7-16

Matthew 5:1-10

Matthew 5:13-16

Matthew 7:21, 24-29

Mark 10:6-9, 13-16

John 15:9-12

Scripture Selection Form

It is our policy that the scripture readings for the Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage must come from this list. You will choose one reading from each list to be read at your wedding.

First, complete the Marriage Preparation Bible Study. The completion of this Bible study will help you in deciding which scriptures are most meaningful to you.

[Turn this form in to Fr. Jambor as soon as done.]

From the Old Testament

- _____ Genesis 1:26-28
- _____ Genesis 2:4-9, 15-24
- _____ Song of Solomon 2:10-13, 8:6-7
- _____ Tobit (Apocrypha) 8:5b-8

From the Psalms

- _____ Psalm 67
- _____ Psalm 127
- _____ Psalm 128

From the New Testament Epistles

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

From the New Testament Gospels

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

INSERT MONTHLY BUDGET SCHEDULE PDF ON THIS PAGE

Worksheet on the Theology of the Marriage Rite

[To be completed after group session #5 on the Marriage Rite.]

This worksheet is designed to be used with the Marriage Rite on pages 423-433 in the *Book of Common Prayer*. Read and study those pages, working through the questions below.

How can we say that the bond and covenant of marriage was established at creation? (p. 423)

How do we know that Jesus supported the institution of marriage? (p. 423)

What do the relationship of husband and wife have in common with the mysterious relationship of Christ and the Church? (p. 423)

What are the three purposes behind Christian marriage? (p. 423)

1.

2.

3.

There are some specific words in the *Declaration of Consent* (*Book of Common Prayer*, page 424) that speak to the relationship that a wife and husband create in Holy Matrimony. What is meant by the following words?

covenant:

love:

comfort:

honor:

keep:

forsake:

faithful:

At the end of the *Declaration of Consent* the bride and groom each respond by saying “I will”. What does this expression signify?

In your own words, what does the Collect after the *Declaration of Consent* (BCP, bottom of page 425) ask God to do for the bride and groom?

In your own words, what are the promises that the bride and groom make to each other (BCP, page 427)?

Of what does the wedding ring remind its wearer?

What three ways do brides and grooms bind themselves to each other during this ceremony (BCP, page 428)?

Answer the following questions with respect to the Prayers for the Bride and Groom (BCP, page 429):

Why would a bride and groom need to be wise and devout?

Why would a bride and groom want to grow closer to God?

What needs to happen between a bride and a groom when one has hurt the other?

The Church would allege that it is not important who begins the above process. What theological precedent is set in the Cross for forgiveness and reconciliation?

What sign is available to the world when they look at a married couple?

What is assumed if God grants the gift of a child or children to a married couple?

What is a natural outcome of a couple living a fulfilled, affectionate life together?

What should married couples who go to a wedding get out of it?

The *Blessing of the Marriage* (BCP, page 430) implies that God's final act for a bride and groom, united and faithful to each other, will be what?

[Turn in this worksheet to Fr. Jambor as soon as possible after completion.]

MARRIAGE CEREMONY SERVICE LEAFLET INFORMATION

This information must be turned in to Fr. Jambor one (1) month prior to the wedding. A draft of the service leaflet will be prepared and sent to the Bride and Groom for proofreading. Please print legibly.

Bride's Full Name _____

Groom's Full Name _____

Number of Printed Programs Desired _____

The Nuptial Recital Music (completed by organist after your consultation with him):

<i>Title</i>	<i>Composer</i>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

The Procession In:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Composer</i>
Attendants _____	_____
Bride _____	_____

The Offertory Hymn: No. _____ First Line: _____

Music During Communion:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Composer</i>
_____	_____

The Procession Out:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Composer</i>
_____	_____

Wedding Participants:

Officiant / Preacher _____

Other Clergy _____

Organist _____

Parents of the Bride _____

Parents of the Groom _____

Grandparents of the Bride _____

Grandparents of the Groom _____

Maid of Honor _____

Matron of Honor _____

Bridesmaids _____

Flower Girl _____

Ring Bearer _____

Best Man _____

Groomsmen _____

Ushers _____

House Party _____

Lector(s) _____

Acolyte(s) (supplied by the parish)

Other _____

Repertoire of Organ Music for Weddings at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Texas

The organist's fee is based upon choice of repertoire from the following list of music in the organist's wedding repertoire, a one-hour conference with the wedding couple, and performance at the actual service. Should the organist agree to concert repertoire or to pieces not in the below listed repertoire, fees will have to be adjusted accordingly.

The cost of additional instruments or choir varies so drastically, depending on the season and requirements, that fees must be dealt with on an individual basis.

THE NUPTIAL RECITAL	(20 minutes before the service)	Minutes
Henry Purcell	Suite No. V in C	15
George Frederick Handel	Air (Water Music)	5
Ralph Vaughan Williams	Rhosymedre	4
Johann Sebastian Bach	Jesu, joy of man's desiring	3 ½
Johann Sebastian Bach	Arioso	3 ½
George Frederick Handel	Larghetto (12 th Concerto Grosso)	4
Johann Sebastian Bach	Soul adorn thyself with gladness	6 ½
Leon Boëllmann	Prayer (Suite Gothique)	5
François Couperin	Tierce en taille (Mass for the Parishes)	3
Thomas Arne	Flute Tune	2 ½
George Frederick Handel	Largo	3

THE PROCESSION IN

Attendants

Henry Purcell	Voluntary in C
George Frederick Handel	Largo
André Campra	Rigaudon
George Frederick Handel	Allegro maestoso (Water Music)
Samuel Sebastian Wesley	Choral Song

Bride

Jeremiah Clarke	Trumpet Voluntary
Henry Purcell	Trumpet Tune

DURING COMMUNION

Johann Sebastian Bach	Arioso
Johann Sebastian Bach	Jesu, joy of man's desiring
Johann Sebastian Bach	Soul adorn thyself with gladness
Leon Boëllmann	Prayer (Suite Gothique)
François Couperin	Tierce en taille (Mass for the Parishes)
Thomas Arne	Flute Tune
George Frederick Handel	Largo

PROCESSION OUT

Benedetto Marcello	Psalm XIX
John Stanley	Trumpet Voluntary
Henry Purcell	Trumpet Tune
Jeremiah Clarke	Trumpet Voluntary
Louis Couperin	Chaconne in G minor

Suggested Hymns for Weddings

336	Come with us, O blessed Jesus
339	Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness
351	May the Grace of Christ our Savior
352	O God, to those who here profess
* 353	Your love, O God, has called us here
376	Joyful, joyful, we adore thee
390	Praise to the Lord
410	Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
516	Come down, O Love divine
517	How lovely is thy dwelling-place
518	Christ is made the sure foundation
544	Jesus shall reign
645	The King of love
657	Love divine, all loves excelling

* Especially good!