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Declaration of Intention

We,

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and

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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.]

All Saints' Episcopal Church
Fort Worth, Texas
## A Helpful Timetable

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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

Date of Application ______________________________

Last Names of Bride and Groom                                             Date of Ceremony    Hour of Ceremony

Officiant at Ceremony ____________________________________________________________________________________

Other Clergy Participants, if possible __________________________________________________________________________

Place of Ceremony: _____ Nave    Expected Attendance:  ______
     _____ Chapel of the Annunciation

Rehearsal: Date ______________________________     Time:   _________________ A.M.   _____________ P.M.

Place of Reception _______________________________________________________________________________________

Number of Attendants: ________ Bridesmaids           ________ Groomsmen          ________ Ushers
     ________ Ring Bearer     ________ Flower Girl
     ________ Other (specify):   ________________________________________________________

Serv ice Leaflet:   ____ Yes     ____ No

Name of Witnesses:
    Best Man__________________________________________________________________________________
    Maid / Matron of Honor _______________________________________________________________________

Permanent Address After Marriage:

City/State/Zip Code   ________________________________________________________________

ADDITIONAL NOTES
GROOM’S FULL NAME ________________________________________________

Name to be used in marriage ceremony __________________________________________

Residence Address ___________________________________________ Residence Telephone _______________________
Cell Telephone __________________________________________ E-mail _________________________________________
City/State/Zip Code __________________________________________
Occupation ____________________________________________ Business Telephone ________________________
Previously married? __________________________________________
Baptized? __________________________________ In what denomination? __________________________
Confirmed? __________________________________ In what denomination? ______________________
Current Church Membership ____________________________________________
Age ________ Birthdate ________________________ Birth Place ______________________

Groom’s Father’s Full Name ____________________________________________ Living _____ Deceased _____
Groom’s Mother’s Full Name (including maiden name) ____________________________

Living _____ Deceased _____
Parent’s Residence ____________________________________________ City/State/Zip Code _______________________

BRIDE’S FULL NAME ________________________________________________

Name to be used in marriage ceremony __________________________________________

Residence Address ___________________________________________ Residence Telephone _______________________
Cell Telephone __________________________________________ E-mail _________________________________________
City/State/Zip Code __________________________________________
Occupation ____________________________________________ Business Telephone ________________________
Previously married? __________________________________________
If Widow, give Maiden Name __________________________
Baptized? __________________________________ In what denomination? __________________________
Confirmed? __________________________________ In what denomination? ______________________
Current Church Membership ____________________________________________
Age ________ Birthdate ________________________ Birth Place ______________________

Bride’s Father’s Full Name ____________________________________________ Living _____ Deceased _____
Bride’s Mother’s Full Name (including maiden name) ____________________________

Living _____ Deceased _____
Parent’s Residence ____________________________________________ City/State/ZIP Code ________________________
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

All Saints’ Episcopal Church
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

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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

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Signature                      Date

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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
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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 the 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

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The Offertory Hymn: No. _____ First Line: ____________________________

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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 (12th 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!