

Fees

Checks should be delivered to the Parish Office **before** the date of the service. The clergy person does not receive a personal fee for the service—instead a donation is invited to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Check Payable to:

Christ Church	\$200	Flowers (cost may vary)
	\$400	Parish Hall Rental Fee
	\$250	Organist's Fee
	\$150	Setup/Tear Down

Donation to Rector's Discretionary Fund

TOTAL

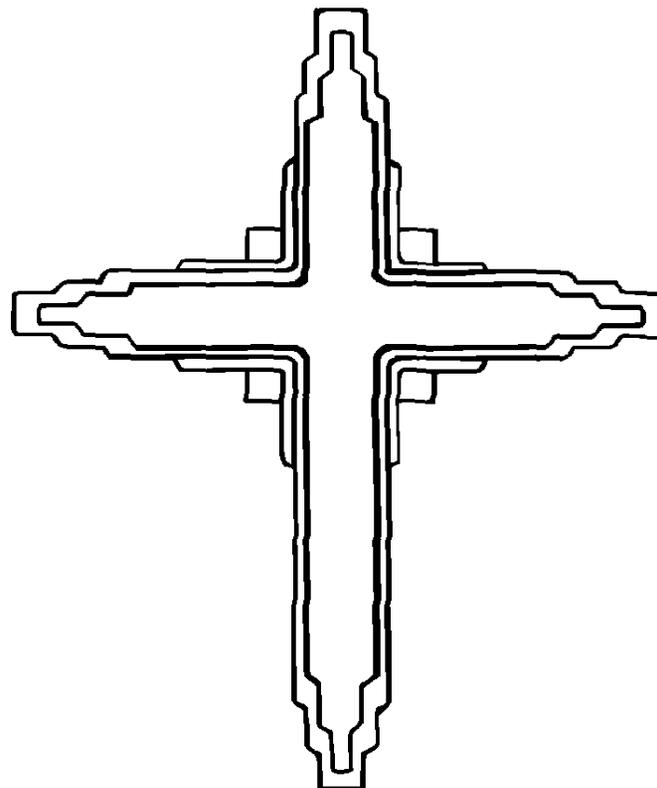
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Marriage at Christ Church



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The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 423

Scheduling a Service

Marriage services may be scheduled by contacting the Parish Administrator, who can confirm the availability of the church and clergy. They are not usually offered on Sundays.

In the Episcopal Church it is required that one, at least, of the parties must be a baptized Christian. Additionally, the couple must meet at least three times with the Rector (or other priest) prior to the service. In a case where one or both parties has had a previous marriage terminated by divorce, permission to remarry must be requested from the Bishop at least one month in advance.

Liturgy

The Bishop of California encourages all couples to follow the pattern of first being married in a secular ceremony and then being blessed in the Episcopal Church.

The order of the service will be according to the *Book of Common Prayer*, either in its original version (pp. 423-432) or in the modified version for same-gender couples approved for trial use at the 2007 Diocesan Convention. The family is invited to select readings appropriate to the occasion (suggestions are provided).

The Eucharist (Holy Communion) may be celebrated as part of the service—this is particularly appropriate when the congregation at the service includes a large number of church members. The clergy person officiating the service will present a short homily. A complimentary order of service will be prepared.

Music

The Director of Music Ministry or his appointed substitute may be engaged to provide music at the service. Hymns are ordinarily selected from the hymnals in the church—*The Hymnal 1982* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*. Other hymns may be selected with the approval of the clergy person, however additional copyright fees are generally due and are the responsibility of the family.

Organ music is chosen in consultation with the organist. The participation of other musicians (singers, instrumentalists), whether family/friends or professionals, must be negotiated (at an additional fee) with the Director of Music.

Flowers

If flowers are desired for the service, the church will provide them for a fee—please contact the Flower Coordinator. Confetti and rice may not be thrown in the church grounds (birdseed is an acceptable substitute).

Photography

Photographers and videographers are permitted, but must not use flash during the service (except for the entrance and exit of the wedding party).

Reception

The Parish Hall (with associated patio areas) is available for a fee for post-service receptions by arrangement with the Parish Administrator, who can provide recommendations of local caterers. Beer and wine may be served (no hard liquor) provided non-alcoholic beverages are presented in equal measure.

The family is responsible for providing all glassware, flatware, and linens, and clearing them away afterwards. The church cleaners will clear away furniture and remove any garbage.