

Date of Wedding _____ Time _____

Liturgy Type Wedding Mass Wedding Ceremony (no communion)

Name of Bride _____ Phone _____

Name of Groom _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Email Address _____

Name of Presider _____ Phone _____

Cantor Preference Female Male No Preference

Additional instrumentalist request (trumpet, etc.) _____

THE WEDDING LITURGY

PRELUDE

Choose three or four vocal and/or instrumental selections to be performed before the liturgy. The **Mothers' Entrance** (optional) will take place during the final prelude selection.

[1] _____

[2] _____

[3] _____

[4] _____

PROCESSIONALS

It is customary to have two processions, one for the bridesmaids and one for the bride. However, if there are only one or two bridesmaids, it may be better to use one piece to cover both the bridesmaids and the bride.

Number in procession: _____ bridesmaid(s), _____ flower girl(s), _____ ring bearer(s)

Processional: _____

Bride's Entrance: _____

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

This part of the liturgy consists of scripture readings, the homily, the rite of marriage and the prayer of the faithful.

The **Responsorial Psalm** immediately follows the first reading. This musical selection is sung by the cantor or organist, to which the congregation responds by singing a short recurring refrain. The five choices for weddings are found on pages 4-5 of "Liturgical Planning for Weddings."

Responsorial Psalm: _____

The **Gospel Acclamation** immediately follows the second reading. The music director chooses this selection.

The **Lighting of the Unity Candle**, which immediately follows the exchange of rings, is an optional ritual that only involves the Bride and Groom. It takes less than a minute for the bride and groom to light their candle and return to their seats. In order to not delay the progression of the service, the organist will select and play a short piece of soft background music.

Lighting of the Unity Candle: Yes No

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

If your wedding includes the celebration of the Mass, the liturgy continues with the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion. If your wedding does not include the celebration of the Mass (ceremony only), skip to the Devotion of the Blessed Virgin.

During the **Preparation of Gifts**, the congregation is seated and the offerings of bread and wine are brought forward to the altar. A hymn is particularly fitting during this time, but a short vocal solo or organ piece is also appropriate.

Preparation of Gifts: _____

The **Communion Procession** is best accompanied by songs about the Eucharist, the presence of God, or the Sacrament of Matrimony. Since it is desirable to choose a song for all to sing, a hymn is most appropriate; however, a vocal or instrumental solo is also an option.

Communion Procession: _____

The **Devotion of the Blessed Virgin** is an optional ritual during which the Bride and Groom walk to the statue of the Virgin Mary and place a bouquet of flowers there. This ritual is typically performed if the bride is Catholic.

Devotion of the Blessed Virgin: _____

The **Recessional** closes the ceremony and accompanies the bride and groom, along with the wedding party, as they make their way down the aisle.

Recessional: _____

NOTES: _____
