

*Weddings
at
All Saints'*

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A Greeting from the Rector

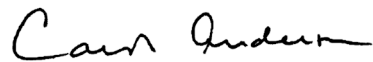
The anticipation of a wedding is an exciting time. The focus is on the future, a new kind of future for a couple, their families and their extended families.

Weddings and working with couples preparing for marriage are happy occasions for us at All Saints' Church, too. Our aim is to lend support, encouragement and affirmation during the preparatory period and at the time of the marriage. Our focus is on the dynamics of married life and the beauty and power of a Christian household.

This manual provides guidelines to help you plan for your wedding. We have found its contents helpful for couples, families, and the Church support team.

Preparing for marriage is a holy time. I pray that God's blessing will be with all who participate.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Anderson".

The Reverend Carol Anderson
Rector

Marriage in the Episcopal Church

Marriage is very important in the Episcopal Church. The “Catechism” of the *Book of Common Prayer* reads, “Holy Matrimony is Christian Marriage, in which the woman and man enter into a lifelong union, make their vows before God and the Church, and receive the grace and blessing of God to help them fulfill their vows.” When a couple seeks to be joined in Holy Matrimony at All Saints’, the expectations are that one of them is a baptized Christian, that both are serious about their relationship to God, and that they are committed to be faithful to one another and to life in the Church.

A wedding, therefore, involves not just a man and a woman, but also God and God’s people, the Church. Each Parish wedding is an act of worship and, as such, must reflect the character and traditions of the worshiping community known as All Saints’ Church and witness to the teaching of Christ and his Church concerning marriage.

About the Policies

The policies in this manual have three purposes:

First, to uphold the sacramental character of marriage and the reality that a wedding is a worship service.

Second, to foster an attitude of reverence, devotion, and celebration by all participants at each marriage celebrated at All Saints’ Church.

Third, to make certain that your marriage ceremony is done with dignity, beauty and order. Therefore, we remind you of the following guidelines: The administration of the Sacrament of Matrimony is governed by the *Book of Common Prayer*, the Canons of the Episcopal Church, the directives of our Diocesan Bishop and our Parish policies.

Scheduling Your Wedding

After reading the information in this booklet, contact the Wedding Director (at info@allsaintsbh.org) who will ask for some information regarding you and your fiancé and, if available, will hold the date you are considering for your wedding pending confirmation from the clergy person officiating. The Wedding Director will schedule an opportunity to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss the information in this booklet and to obtain a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00. We require six months notice prior to the date of your wedding for planning and preparation. Weddings are normally held on Saturdays with only one wedding on a given day. Weddings can be scheduled between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. Weddings are not held on Sundays or during the season of Lent, Holy Week, Easter Week, Fourth of July, the first Saturday in November, Thanksgiving weekend, in the last week of Advent, Christmas Eve or Day, Boxing Day (December 26), or New Year's Eve or Day. Wedding rehearsals are normally held in the late afternoon of the day prior to the wedding.

The Wedding Director will refer you to a member of the clergy and one of our musicians to further discuss your marriage plans. We ask that you contact them within one month of your meeting with the Wedding Director. **No plans should be made, invitations ordered or florist or photographer hired until you have met with a member of the parish clergy and begun the process of pre-marital counseling.**

Pre-marital Counseling

The Episcopal Church requires that all couples wishing to be married in the Church give consideration to the seriousness of the commitment in pre-marital counseling with a member of the clergy staff or someone they may designate. It is assumed that by the time a couple has decided that they are ready to make the commitment to be married, they have done a lot of talking about their lives together and their expectations, hopes and dreams. The counseling is intended to help clarify those expectations and identify the areas of difficulty as well as the strengths brought to the marriage. You should expect to meet several times for the counseling and to plan the liturgical aspects of the ceremony. During this meeting you will have an opportunity to review possible scripture passages for the ceremony and to make some choices of the prayers which will be read. The scripture passages suggested for weddings are listed on page 426 of the Book of Common Prayer and are also found in the Appendix to this booklet.

When One or Both Have Been Divorced

If either party is divorced, permission to remarry must be obtained from the Bishop of Los Angeles. You will need to provide a certified copy of the divorce decree and give it to the priest who will officiate. At least one calendar year will need to have elapsed from the date of the divorce decree before a wedding can take place.

Planning Your Wedding

The marriage service is “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage” as set forth in the *Book of Common Prayer*, and is in keeping with the integrity of worship maintained in all our services. There is no “unity” candle in the service, and the bride and groom do not make up their own vows. The service does not include the announcement “I now present Mr. and Mrs.” Or “You may now kiss the bride.” However, the officiant does say “I now pronounce that they are husband and wife” at the Peace, which is an appropriate time for a kiss.

Clergy

A priest from All Saints’ must be present for the wedding. Other Episcopal clergy and clergy of other denominations may be involved in the service with the approval of and by written invitation from the clergy of All Saints’. If Episcopal clergy from outside the Diocese of Los Angeles are to be involved, they must receive permission in advance from the Bishop of Los Angeles.

Fees

Use of the Church, Chapel or Memorial Chapel	\$1,500
Organist* (see next page)	\$300
Soloist	\$200
Choir (per singer**)	\$150
Aisle candles (set of 18)	\$100

Fees for use of the Church, Chapel and Memorial Chapel include pre-marital preparation, services of the Wedding Directors, leaflet preparation and sexton services. All fees must be paid one month prior to the ceremony.

If you wish to give an honorarium to the clergy officiant, please know that all monies are put into a fund which helps people in need. An honorarium for any clergy not from All Saints’ would be given directly to that person.

Wedding Directors

Our Wedding Director or one of the Wedding Coordinators will be assigned to work with you to discuss all the practical arrangements for your wedding. A Coordinator will call to set up a time to meet with you as soon as possible to answer questions about floral decorations, photographers, videographers and the use of church facilities.

Professional wedding consultants are welcome at All Saints’ but must work in coordination with All Saints’ Wedding Coordinators and conform to the policies contained in this guide. The rehearsal and wedding service are the responsibility of the staff of All Saints’.

Music For Your Wedding

Our staff musicians will provide beautiful music for your ceremony, and they look forward to helping to make your special day even more memorable by the high quality of the music for which All Saints' Church is admired nationally and even internationally. During the time that you are involved in pre-marital counseling, you should contact the Music Department to begin the planning process. **No musical arrangements should be made prior to this meeting or, indeed, at any time during the planning process without the prior approval of our Directors of Music:** it is their responsibility to oversee and arrange for the selection and performance of all music used in all liturgies at All Saints'.

When you meet with the Director of Music or his Associate, he will assist you in selecting compositions from the rich repertoire of music suitable for a church setting and, if you desire, he will explore the various possibilities for including additional music such as hymns, vocal solos, choral music sung by members of our Choir, or instrumental music. If additional vocalists or instrumentalists are desired, the Director of Music or his Associate will select and engage them. Outside organists, vocalists, and instrumentalists may only be used with the prior permission of the Director or Associate Director of Music. If such permission is granted, you may be required to pay a "bench fee" equal to the normal stipends of any staff musicians who are displaced by the engagement of a guest musician, in accordance with the centuries-old protocol of the church music profession.

*(*Organist fees include the pre-marital consultation and services on the wedding day; it does not include attendance at the wedding rehearsal. If musical selections chosen for inclusion in the ceremony require significant extra rehearsal or preparation time, additional fees may be imposed.)*

*(**Minimum 8 singers, depending on the music selected; if the repertoire requires additional rehearsal time, fees may be adjusted accordingly. The Director of Music or his Associate will determine the size of Choir needed and will engage the singers; a group of 12 singers is often preferable and normally recommended.)*

The Marriage License

Arrangement for marriage licenses needs to be made well in advance with the County Clerk's office and must be issued in the State of California; after the wedding the license will be signed and mailed to the County Clerk's office. The license must be brought to the church at least one week prior to the wedding. **If there is no license, there can be no marriage ceremony!**

Additional Information

Please read the next sections carefully to be sure to avoid unnecessary misunderstandings. We require you to have your photographer, videographer and florist read, sign and return the enclosed agreements two weeks prior to the ceremony.

Floral Décor

Flowers used to adorn the church are to be arranged through one of the florists on our list of Recommended Florists which you will find in the Appendix.

- **In the Church** flowers are arranged in the large pot on the south side of the chancel. The arrangement should not exceed 4 feet high. Flowers may also be placed on the aisle candle holders. The flowers in the pot are customarily left for the Sunday worship services and the leaflet will indicate that they are given in thanksgiving to God for your marriage. No other floral arrangements may be used.
- **In All Saints' Chapel** two arrangements are permitted on either side of the cross at the table behind the altar.
- **In the Memorial Chapel** two small vase arrangements are permitted on the altar on either side of the cross.

No other ornamentation (potted plants, trees, runners, flower petals, etc.) is permitted.

Photography and Videography

Our rules and regulations concerning photographers and videographers are solely intended to maintain the dignity, beauty, order and reverence of the marriage ceremony. Our experience is that not all photographers and videographers understand the Episcopal Church liturgy and the high standards of dignity and discretion required of all present.

Photographers and videographers are to be arranged through one of those on our list of *Approved Photographers and Videographers* which you will find in the Appendix.

- **Before the ceremony** photographs may be taken on the patio and in the dressing area.
- **During the procession and ceremony** photographers are not permitted in the Church nave or chancel. Time exposure (*non-flash*) photos from the balcony are permitted during the service. The video operator must be located in the balcony also. The video camera must be operated silently and *without any auxiliary lighting*. The video set up must be in place 45 minutes before the service and the operator in place at least 10 minutes before.
- **After the ceremony** photos may be taken from the narthex as the bride and groom leave the church. Under no circumstances may the photographer stand forward of the last pew. *Photographers may spend no more than thirty minutes inside the Church posing and taking pictures of the wedding party.* The Church must be prepared for Sunday services and this time allows for that process to move forward. This also facilitates the wedding party's timely arrival at the reception.

Additional Information

Wedding Leaflet

We have a standard leaflet design that we can produce for you which lays out the order of service. Your Wedding Coordinator will give you a sample. All the information for the leaflet must be submitted on the form given you at least two weeks before the ceremony. We encourage you to have the All Saints' staff prepare the leaflet, but if it is important to you to use your own design, we will provide the copy and ask that it be formatted in keeping with the dignity of the service.

Day of the Wedding

The bride, groom and wedding party should arrive at the church one hour prior to the wedding but no more than two hours prior.

No alcohol will be permitted on the All Saints' campus.

The throwing of confetti, rice, flower petals or birdseed is not permitted in the Church, Chapels or on the grounds.

Parking

We regret that we have no parking lot at All Saints'. Parking is available at the municipal lots across Santa Monica Boulevard and on the street. All such parking is subject to the rules and regulations of the City of Beverly Hills. Additionally there is a parking facility at 440 N. Camden Drive, one block south of South Santa Monica Blvd. For larger ceremonies, we encourage you to explore a valet service.

Seating Capacity

The Church has a comfortable maximum capacity to seat 500 people. All Saints' Chapel can seat 80 and the Memorial Chapel can seat 40.

Receptions

We regret that no wedding receptions may be held at All Saints'.

Appendix 1: Scripture Passages

One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. If there is to be a Communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the Readings.

From the Old Testament

Genesis 1:26-28

God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-25

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

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

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly scorned.

Tobit 8:5b-8

Tobias said to Sarah, "Sister, get up, and let us pray and implore our Lord that he grant us mercy and safety." So she got up, and they began to pray and implore that they might be kept safe. Tobias began by saying, "Blessed are you, O God of our ancestors, and blessed is your name in all generations forever. Let the heavens and the whole creation bless you forever. You made Adam, and for him you made his wife Eve as a helper and support. From the two of them the human race has sprung. You said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; let us make a helper for him like himself.' I now am taking this kinswoman of mine, not because of lust, but with sincerity. Grant that she and I may find mercy and that we may grow old together." And they both said, "Amen, Amen."

From the New Testament**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Ephesians 3:14-19

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 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. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind--yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. "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.

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 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. 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. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1 John 4:7-16

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Between the Readings, a Psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung or said. Appropriate Psalms are Psalm 67 or Psalm 127 or Psalm 128.

From the Holy Gospel**Matthew 5:1-10**

When Jesus saw the crowd, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Matthew 7:21, 24-29

Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell--and great was its fall!" Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Mark 10:6-9, 13-16

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

John 15:9-12

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Appendix 2: Approved Providers

Florists

Marc Byrd Eventful Flower Design	(323) 962-8910
Jacob Maarse Florist	(626) 449-0246
Mark's Garden	(310) 271-5600
Beverly Canon Florists	(213) 275-3372

Photographers

Laura Kleinhenz	(323) 839-8980
John Lewis	(805) 498-2711
Jonathan Farrer	(818) 784-1517
John Phillips	(818) 831-2440
Susan Sheridan	(323) 969-8559
Sonja and Miki Rakicevic	(818) 505-1597

Videographers

Steve Dancil	(310) 205-6006
G.T. Videos (Gene)	(818) 501-8713
Carl and Jeanette Schurz	(310) 275-3280

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and include your full name and phone number.
Thank you.**

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