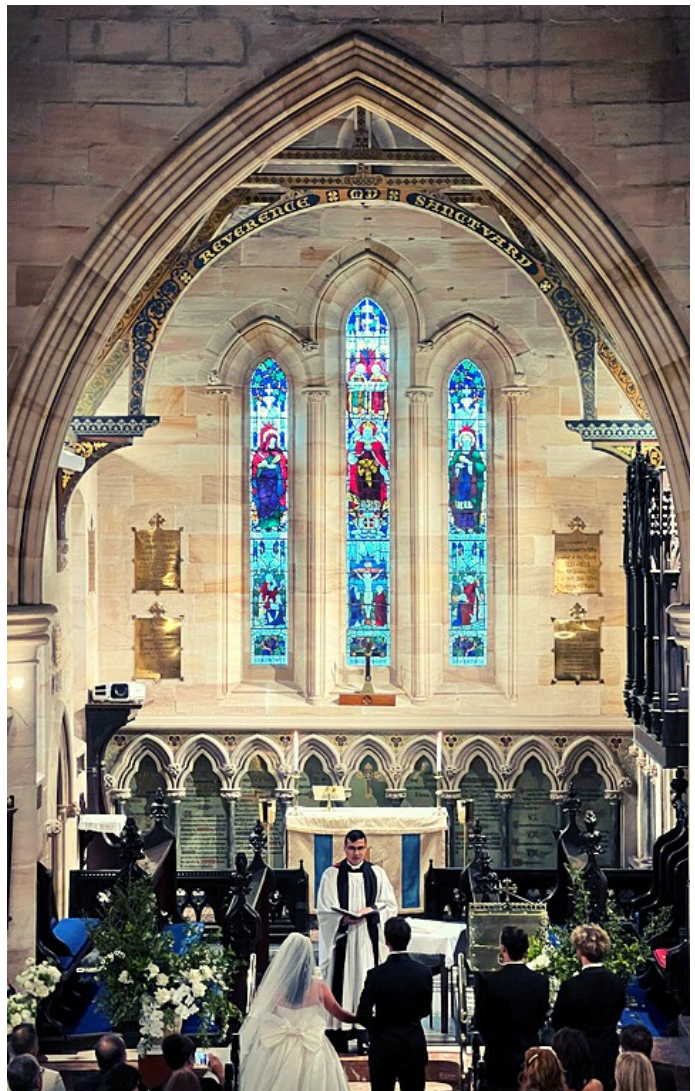




# ST MARK'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH DARLING POINT

## Wedding guide





Congratulations! We are delighted you have decided to marry and have chosen St Mark's as the Church in which you want your wedding to be celebrated.

It is our prayer that every couple in our community will know God's rich blessings of love, faithfulness and joy in their marriage. We are glad to support you in the preparations for your wedding and to walk with you in the years the follow.

This booklet is a guide to how weddings are performed in our church, so that you are informed on our particular expectations and policies. If at any point you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office on (02) 9363 3657 or email [office@stmarksdp.org](mailto:office@stmarksdp.org).

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# GETTING MARRIED AT ST MARK'S

## WHO GETS MARRIED AT ST MARK'S?

All sorts of people choose St Mark's for their wedding. We do not just marry people who go to the Church. Indeed, most of those married at St Mark's are not regular attendees. We hope that over the period of your preparation that will change. Life that is abundant and free, enriched with peace, hope and joy - as life is meant to be - is life lived in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

## WHO WILL OFFICIATE AT YOUR WEDDING CEREMONY?

Any ordained Anglican minister is an authorised celebrant for officiating weddings. Normally, at St Mark's, you will be married by our Wedding Minister Rev Michelle Philp, Senior Minister Rev Dr Michael Jensen or Assistant Wedding Minister Rev Michael Deasey.

You may choose to have your own minister marry you. It is a policy of our church that any other visiting ministers or preachers at a wedding must be approved by the Senior Minister.

Some couples like to split the roles of celebrant and preacher at their wedding. If this is your intention, please speak to your celebrant about ways to arrange and approve this.

## MARRIAGE IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION

As we are an Anglican Church you will be married under the Rites of the Anglican Church of Australia.

In the Anglican Church there are three important undertakings you give to each other:

- that your marriage will be **lifelong**
- marked by **loyalty** to each other. It is an exclusive relationship.
- and **love**, the same model God has for his people - self-giving and sacrificial love.

The underlying Anglican understanding of marriage draws from the Bible's teaching, that it is a gift from God. God has our wellbeing at heart and wants us to experience all the joys and blessings of an intimate relationship. So, as well as a changing legal status, the Anglican service invites God to bless the marriage, now and in the years ahead. We ask Him to help us keep our promises, to bring joy, delight and growth in good times and difficult times.

So, a wedding in an Anglican Church is a service of praise of God: the focus is on Him and his goodness to us. Different Churches express that differently: St Mark's has its own way of doing that which many would describe as traditional.

## **DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE**

A person whose previous marriage ended in divorce may not automatically be remarried in the Anglican Church of Australia. It is possible to be remarried under certain circumstances, and the minister will meet with you to discuss this as soon as possible. The minister cannot make a final commitment to conduct the wedding until he has made an application to the Bishop and has his approval.

## **WHO WILL TAKE US THROUGH MARRIAGE PREPARATION?**

Couples who wish to be married at St Mark's are required to complete a suitable programme of marriage preparation. This is not optional, and we strongly encourage couples to plan early to make room for preparation prior to the wedding.

We understand that weddings are large and complex events; however, it is far more important to prepare well for marriage than to prepare well for a wedding! A wedding lasts a few hours; a marriage lasts a lifetime.

*St Mark's holds a number of Pre-marriage courses each year. Many couples have expressed how much they have benefited from it. You will be notified when our next course is starting, otherwise you can find more details on the 'Weddings' page of the St Mark's website. If you live overseas you may need to attend a course near where you live. Our minister will help you find an appropriate course.*

## **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

The following is an indication of the prices to hold your wedding at St Marks. These prices are effective January 2024.

We charge \$2950 to hold a wedding at St Mark's Church. The fee includes:

- the minister, including the service, pre-wedding meeting and rehearsal
- the organist, there may be an extra fee if a soloist rehearsal is required
- the vergers who take care of the logistics around the church
- the Pre-marriage Course
- cleaning of the church
- administration costs

OPTIONAL EXTRAS: These prices may increase if the cost to St Mark's of the services increases. Any increases will be reflected in the Checklist sent a month before the service.

- Live Stream of the service \$250
- Choir \$900
- Bellringers \$750
- Trumpeter \$400
- Soloist \$500

### **WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED?**

The *NSW Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages* records all marriages that occur in New South Wales.

- Intended marriages are documented in a Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM) that must be completed at least one month before the marriage.
- Prior to the wedding a Declaration of no legal impediment to marriage will also need to be completed. This is usually done at the wedding rehearsal.
- During the wedding ceremony, the celebrant will ensure that you sign legal documentation confirming that you have married. You will sign a Certificate of Marriage (for the *NSW Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages*) and one copy for the Marriage Register of the church in which you are married. You will also receive a decorative Certificate of Marriage.

### **NEXT STEPS FOR GETTING MARRIED AT ST MARK'S?**

If you're interested in being married at St Mark's, these are the steps you need to take.

1. Contact the church office on (02) 9363 3657 or email [office@stmarksdp.org](mailto:office@stmarksdp.org) to enquire whether the date and time you would like for your wedding is available.
2. To confirm your wedding at St Mark's you need to return the completed Confirmation form and pay a \$100 deposit.
3. Attend the Pre-marriage Course
4. Attend a Marriage information session at St Mark's. On select Sundays you will attend an information session starting at 4.30pm. Please arrive earlier to have your NOIM form witnessed and completed. The minister who will be marrying you will be delighted to meet you and answer any questions you have. The information session will be followed by our 5.30pm church service where you will experience an Anglican church service as well as have a chance to explore the interior of the church. There will be a chance to speak to any of the ministers afterwards if you still have further questions.

## 5. Completing your NOIM.

- A Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM) needs to be completed at least one month before the service. It is your responsibility to ensure that this is completed. There will be time at the Marriage information session for you to meet with the minister to complete the form and confirm your ID:
  - Evidence of date and place of birth eg. passport or birth certificate
  - Photographic evidence of identity eg. passport or driver licence
- Once completed you can give your NOIM to the minister or email it along with your ID's to the church office.
- If either of you has been married before you will also need to supply documentation that the marriage has legally ended and when it ended.

## 6. Please contact the office to book a wedding rehearsal.

7. Please contact the minister marrying you at least a month before your wedding to arrange for a personal consultation to discuss wedding service.

# THE WEDDING SERVICE

## WHAT ORDER OF SERVICE WILL WE USE?

We provide the order of service for you and there is an opportunity for you to add your own touch. Anglican ministers officiating in an Anglican church, must conduct a wedding according to the Rites of the Anglican Church of Australia which, in the Anglican Diocese of Sydney, means using orders of service from *An Australian Prayer Book* (1978) or *Common Prayer* (2011).

You will have been sent a Service outline (Wedding service booklet template), which is the running order of the service that works best. This document can be found on the church website. You can, of course, design your own layout in consultation with your printer. You must send a draft of the service to your minister at least 2 weeks before your wedding before you go ahead with the printing.

The wedding service has a number of components:

- A *processional* as the bride enters the building.
- The *preface* contains an explanation of God's purpose for marriage.
- You may choose to have *hymns*.
- You will be required to have two *Bible readings*.
- Following this is the *address* given by the minister based on the Bible readings.
- The *wedding* contains
  - the *consent*, where the couple respond with the famous 'I will'.
  - next comes the vows,

- followed by the *exchange of rings*.
- Last is the *declaration*, which includes a blessing.
- After this are the prayers where the minister will pray for you. You may also wish to have someone you know who would like to pray for you.
- Followed by the *signing of the register*
- And finally the *recessional*.

It is not possible for a couple to write and use their own vows. Please see **APPENDIX A** for the words of consent, vows and exchange of rings in the wedding service. Each element in the service should be clear and obvious that it has a place within a Christian wedding.

### **BIBLE READINGS**

During your service, two passages from the Bible should be read. It is up to you to decide which passages. Normally we ask that you select one from the Old Testament and another from the New Testament. You may have favourite texts that will be appropriate. Bible readings which relate straightforwardly to marriage, God, and love would be ideal. Please see **APPENDIX B** for suggested Bible readings.

If you would like a reading that is not from the Bible, you must have it at a different point in the service to the Bible readings and address. Alternatively, our suggestion is that if you would like other readings that you could instead have them at your wedding reception. This is because the Bible is to be at the very centre of a Christian marriage service.

### **MUSIC**

You will also need to make some decisions about the music you would like at the service. You will need to complete and return the Music Request Form indicating if you would like a choir, trumpeter or the bells at the service. We need one month notice if you want to book any of these to assure the availability of the people needed.

Music has always been a significant part of special occasions, such as weddings. Hymns, choral and vocal items, and other incidental music all can add to the meaning, beauty and joy of a service; but for many people it is the music used at the entry of the bridal party (The Processional), and that used at the conclusion, when the newly married couple are leaving the church (The Recessional), which is often remembered. At these points, appropriate well-chosen music can add greatly to the occasion.

The organ is the primary instrument used in St Mark's, it is most commonly used for the Processional and Recessional, and is included in the cost of all services. You may choose to use other music but the organist's fee is included in the package that we

offer. You may supply your own music either on a USB or by employing your own ensemble, but it needs to be appropriate for a Church service.

If you decide to have hymns at the service then it is best to choose well-known hymns with tunes that are familiar to your guests. 2 or 3 hymns are common but you could choose to have no hymns. Please see **APPENDIX C** for further information and selections of music.

### **FLOWERS**

You are requested to leave two small vases of flowers on the Holy Table for the Sunday Service.

### **WEDDING REHEARSAL**

The wedding rehearsal is conducted in the week of your wedding. Typically, if your wedding is on a Saturday, we have the rehearsal on a Thursday. We ask that you and your whole bridal party attend as well as parents of the respective couple. The rehearsals will go for no more than an hour.

### **WEDDING ARRIVAL**

In order to respect all those attending your wedding, we ask all bridal parties to arrive to the service in a timely manner. Ideally, the bride should aim to arrive 5mins after the planned wedding ceremony start time.

### **HOW LONG IS THE SERVICE**

The wedding service should go for approximately 40 minutes.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

The simple rule of thumb for all photographers and videographers is to avoid interfering or being a distraction. Under no circumstances should photographers or videographers come up on stage at the front of the church or move around behind the minister to take pictures while the service is in progress. The only point in the service they can come up on stage is during the signing of the register.

### **RICE/CONFETTI/FLOWERS**

We do not allow rice or confetti, including biodegradable confetti to be thrown outside the church. Flower petals may be thrown but only outside the church.

### **USHERS**

If you have a printed Order of Service, you should arrange for two or three ushers to hand them to guests on arrival.

# APPENDIX A

## The Consent

(Groom), will you give yourself to (bride),  
to be her husband,  
to live with her according to God's word?  
Will you love her, comfort her,  
honour and protect her,  
and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her  
so long as you both shall live?

I will.

(Bride), will you give yourself to (groom),  
to be his wife,  
to live with him according to God's word?  
Will you love him, comfort him,  
honour and protect him,  
and forsaking all others, be faithful to him  
so long as you both shall live?

I will.

*The congregation stands and the celebrant says*

Families and friends, you are witnesses to these vows. Will you do everything in your power to uphold  
(bride and groom) in their marriage?

We will

*Groom, taking bride's hand in his, says*

## The Vows

I, (Groom), in the presence of God,  
take you, (bride), to be my wife:  
to have and to hold  
from this day forward,  
for better, for worse,  
for richer, for poorer,  
in sickness and in health,  
to love and to cherish,  
so long as we both shall live.  
This is my solemn vow and promise

*Bride taking groom's hand in hers, says*

I, (Bride), in the presence of God,  
take you, (groom), to be my husband:  
to have and to hold  
from this day forward,  
for better, for worse,  
for richer, for poorer,  
in sickness and in health,  
to love and to cherish,  
so long as we both shall live.  
This is my solemn vow and promise

### The Giving and Receiving of Rings

*Celebrant:*

God of steadfast love,  
by your blessing,  
let these rings be  
for **(bride and groom)**  
a symbol of their love and faithfulness  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Groom and bride will say as the rings are exchanged*

I give you this ring  
as a symbol of our marriage.  
With all that I am and all that I have  
I honour you; in the name of God. **Amen.**

*Before they loose hands, the groom and bride may respond*

I receive this ring  
as a symbol of your love and faithfulness  
to the end of our days.

## **APPENDIX B**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READINGS**

#### **Genesis 1:26-2:4 - Made in God's image**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

<sup>2</sup>By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup>Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

<sup>4</sup>This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

### **Genesis 2:18-24 - One flesh**

<sup>18</sup>The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

<sup>19</sup>Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup>The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called 'woman,'  
for she was taken out of man."

<sup>24</sup>That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

### **Psalms 128 - The Blessing of the Lord**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed are all who fear the Lord,  
who walk in obedience to him.

<sup>2</sup>You will eat the fruit of your labor;  
blessings and prosperity will be yours.

<sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots  
around your table.

<sup>4</sup>Yes, this will be the blessing  
for the man who fears the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>May the Lord bless you from Zion;  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.

<sup>6</sup>May you live to see your children's children—  
peace be on Israel.

### **Song of Songs 8:6-7 – love**

<sup>6</sup>Place me like a seal over your heart,  
like a seal on your arm;  
for love is as strong as death,  
its jealousy unyielding as the grave.  
It burns like blazing fire,  
like a mighty flame.

<sup>7</sup> Many waters cannot quench love;  
rivers cannot sweep it away.  
If one were to give  
all the wealth of one's house for love,  
it would be utterly scorned.

#### **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 – Two are better than one**

<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one,  
because they have a good return for their labor:  
<sup>10</sup> If either of them falls down,  
one can help the other up.  
But pity anyone who falls  
and has no one to help them up.  
<sup>11</sup> Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.  
But how can one keep warm alone?  
<sup>12</sup> Though one may be overpowered,  
two can defend themselves.  
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READINGS**

### **Matthew 5:1-10**

<sup>5</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.

He said:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.  
<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.  
<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.  
<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

### **John 15:9-17 - Abiding in Christ's love**

<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose

me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup>This is my command: Love each other.

### **Romans 12:1-3, 9-18**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

<sup>9</sup>Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup>Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

<sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

### **Ephesians 3:14-21 - Grounded in love**

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

### **Ephesians 4:1-6 – Unity**

<sup>4</sup>As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

### **Ephesians 5:20-33 - Husbands and wives**

<sup>20</sup>always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup>to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup>and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup>In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— <sup>30</sup>for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”<sup>32</sup>This is a profound

mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.<sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

### **1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 – Love**

<sup>31</sup> Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

<sup>13</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

### **1 John 4:7-16 – The Love of God**

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

<sup>13</sup> This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. <sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

### **Colossians 3:12-19 – Everything in the name of Jesus**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

<sup>18</sup> Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

<sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

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## **APPENDIX C**

These are selections which are worth considering when planning music for a wedding. They are not the only ones which may be appropriate, but they indicate a range of styles which can work well. Of course, a well-chosen hymn can be a wonderful way of commencing a marriage, especially if you believe the congregation will value the opportunity to sing God's praise.

The best music will "fit in" with the rest of the service, rather than clash with it. The entrance music prepares for the service. While it can have a festive feel to it, it should not be so powerful or grandiose that the service itself begins with a sense of let-down. Generally, the most festive music will be at the conclusion of the service as we celebrate the couple's entry into married life.

*All the following music can be listened to on YouTube*

### **PROCESSIONAL-MUSIC FOR THE BRIDE'S ENTRANCE**

1. PACHELBEL: Canon in D
2. WAGNER: Bridal Chorus
3. HANDEL: Air (Water Music Suite 1)
4. HANDEL: Rejouissance (Royal Fireworks Music)
5. SAINT SAENS: Extract from 3<sup>rd</sup> Symphony
6. VERDI: Grand March (Aida)
7. HAYDN: St Antoni Chorale

### **RECESSIONAL-MUSIC FOR THE BRIDE AND GROOM'S DEPARTURE**

8. HANDEL: Hornpipe (The Water Music)
9. MENDELSSOHN: Wedding March
10. KARG-ELERT: Now Thank We All Our God
11. HANDEL: Arrival of the Queen of Sheba
12. MARCELLO: Psalm 19
13. HANDEL: March (Occasional Oratorio)
14. LANG: Tuba Tune

### **EITHER PROCESSIONAL OR RECESSIONAL**

15. JEREMIAH CLARKE: Trumpet Voluntary
16. CHARPENTIER: Trumpet Tune
17. PURCELL: Trumpet Tune
18. STANLEY: Trumpet Tune
19. HANDEL: Finale (Royal Fireworks Music)

## CHORAL REPERTOIRE-SUNG BY A CHOIR

18. BACH: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
19. FRANCK: O Lord Most Holy (Panis Angelicus) -boys only
20. WALFORD DAVIES: God Be in My Head
21. RUTTER: Thy Perfect Love
22. RUTTER: God Be in My Head
23. RUTTER: The Lord Bless You and Keep You
24. HARRIS: Come Down O Love Divine
25. DAVIES: Blessed Are the Pure in Heart -adults only
26. PURCELUANON: Rejoice in the Lord Always
27. GOODALL: Psalm 23

## SUGGESTED WEDDING HYMNS

- Amazing Grace
- What a friend we have in Jesus
- Come Down, O love Divine Perfect love
- Love divine, all love excelling
- Now thank we all our God
- Morning has broken
- Worship the King, all glorious above
- Praise my soul the King of Heaven
- All things bright and beautiful
- Make me a channel of your peace
- Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us
- Great is thy faithfulness
- The King of love my Shepherd is
- Tell out my soul
- Perfect love
- Praise to the Lord, the almighty