

The Church Office will provide the full wedding customary at the time of your application.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CLERGY

The decision to marry is one of the great decisions of life. We believe that the union of man and woman “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.”

Marriage is a sacrament, an outward and visible sign of an inward of spiritual grace administered to one another by the couple. The focal point of the sacrament is the wedding ceremony, but the sacramental nature of marriage involves infinitely more. “Therefore, marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.”

Couples apply to be married in this church are understood to be seeking the fullness of the sacrament in the blessing of God on their relationship.

Please be assured that our good wishes and prayers are with you for your marriage and that the church and its ministry will always be ready to assist you whatever your need may be.

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WORSHIP AT ST. GEORGE’S

SUNDAY LITURGY

8:30 am and 11:00 am Holy Eucharist
(10:00 am during the Summer)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Sung first Sunday of the month

SUNG MATINS

Sung last Sunday of the month

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Wednesday at 10:30 am
1:00 pm and 7:30 pm Bible Study

The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Glenworth D. Miles,
Rector of St. George’s Church

Deacon Reginald Jackson

Mr. George Davey, BM, MSM
Organist/Choirmaster

Planning A Wedding at St. George’s Church



Brooklyn, New York

BROOKLYN LANDMARK – St. George’s Protestant Episcopal Church in the Bedford section of Brooklyn is one of New York City’s distinguished Victorian Gothic structures. On the basis of a careful consideration of the history, the architecture and other features of this building, the Landmarks Preservation Commission finds that St. George’s Protestant Episcopal Church as a special character, special historical and aesthetic interest and value as part of the development, heritage and cultural characteristics of New York City. Commission Report, January 11, 1977

WEDDING GUIDELINES

To be married at St. George's at least one of the parties to the union must be a practicing Episcopalian, active, participating and pledging at St. George's for at least nine months prior to a wedding date. The couple must also meet with a member of the clergy before the date can be confirmed.

WHO MAY BE MARRIED HERE

- a. Persons being married at St. George's must meet the requirements of the canons of the Episcopal Church and of the State of New York.
- b. While it is required that at least one of the parties is baptized, it would normally be expected that both parties be baptized and pledging members of the church.
- c. The permission of the Dean is required for every wedding in the Cathedral.
- d. Canon Law gives the discretionary right to all clergy to decline to solemnize any marriage without reason.
- e. Parties to the marriage must sign the Declaration of Intention.
- f. Marriages involving previously married parties whose prior marriage ended in divorce may be solemnized in accordance with Canon Law. Each case will be considered pastorally on its own merits. The parties to be married must be practicing Episcopalians at the time of the marriage or be in the process of becoming so. A meeting with the Rector or his designee is required before any arrangements may be made. The permission of the diocesan Bishop is necessary for all such marriages and can only be obtained on the recommendation of the Rector.

WHEN TO CONTACT THE CHURCH

- a. **As soon as possible!** Generally, nine months to a year in advance is suggested. Preliminary inquiries, which may be made by telephone, must be followed by a written application in the prescribed form (supplied by the Church office) before said application goes to the Rector for approval.
- b. Weddings will be performed in the penitential season of Lent only in extreme emergencies. Advent is also a penitential season though it is of less severity than Lent. Advent weddings are, therefore, discouraged and will not be permitted within one (1) week of Christmas Day. While brides and attendants may carry flowers, no flowers will be used for decorations in the church itself during the penitential seasons.

WHO MAY PERFORM A WEDDING AT ST. GEORGE'S

- a. The clergy of St. George's Church will normally carry out all marriages.
- b. Occasionally, a visiting clergy person may be requested. The permission of the Rector is required in such circumstances.

PREMARITAL PREPARATION

- a. Premarital preparation is required by Canon Law and is also desirable for the parties to the marriage.
- b. One day Premarital Workshops are conducted by Episcopal Community Services four times a year. The Church Office will provide these dates to you.

THE CEREMONY

- a. The ceremony will be from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church.
- b. The service will be a Nuptial Eucharist.
- c. On the day of the wedding, the bride and groom and the wedding party are asked to arrive at the church a half hour before the scheduled start of the ceremony. Due to clergy and lay staff time constraints, it is imperative that the wedding begins promptly at the arranged time. Please impress upon your wedding party and guests the importance of being on time.

FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Arrangements for flowers are made through the Church Office. Flowers are not permitted during Lent and Advent. During other seasons, they are placed in the church with the understanding that they will remain in the church following the ceremony as they are given to the honor and glory of God in thanksgiving for your marriage.

MUSIC

All music arrangements will be made directly through the Church office and with the Church organist. Couples being married in the Cathedral will normally meet with the organist to plan their wedding music.

HONORARIA – FEES

Information regarding honoraria and fees are available through the Church Office and are payable ONE WEEK prior to the wedding. This leaves you with no more concerns about your wedding. All you have to do is be on time!