

# *Wedding Handbook*



Saint Michael and All Angels  
Episcopal Church

# Welcome!

We are honored that you have chosen to be married at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church. The clergy, staff, and Wedding Guild look forward to sharing this most joyous and sacred occasion with you.

This booklet has been prepared to assist you with planning your wedding at Saint Michael and All Angels. Please take time to carefully read this document outlining the sacrament of Holy Matrimony and customs of our church. The guidelines outlined here serve to uphold the sacramental nature of Christian marriage and the reality that a wedding is a service of worship in the church.

It is vital for couples planning to be married in the church to understand that Christian marriage implies a belief that God, through Jesus Christ, will play an important role in your new relationship and throughout your lives together, and the wedding ceremony is the beginning of this remarkable journey. By having your wedding at Saint Michael, we hope that you will experience the deep and wonderful meaning of Christian marriage.

The administration of the Sacrament of Matrimony is governed by the rubrics of *The Book of Common Prayer*, the Canons of the Episcopal Church, the directives of our Diocesan Bishop, and our church policies. At Saint Michael, the rector is always the final authority on any concern you may have about your wedding.

The marriage ceremony is that of *The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage* found beginning on page 423 in *The Book of Common Prayer*.

## MARRIAGE QUALIFICATIONS

Any man and woman may be married at Saint Michael, if:

- ☐ They are sincerely committed to establishing a Christian marriage
- ☐ One of the two parties is baptized
- ☐ One of the two parties is presently a member, or whose parents or grandparents are members of record at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, or if the couple desires to become members of record at Saint Michael
- ☐ They are willing to conform to the good standards of the wedding policies and complete the marriage preparation course or its equivalent if currently living outside of the Dallas area

If one or both parties intending to be married have been divorced, permission of the Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas must be obtained before remarrying. This upholds the Church's pastoral responsibility to ensure that divorced persons fully comprehend the reasons for the failure of the first marriage.

The church requires the wedding date to be at least one year from the date of the final divorce decree, and a minimum of eight months is customary from the point when a couple contacts Saint Michael and when they would like the wedding to take place. Therefore, when there is a divorce an initial meeting with the clergy must precede the regular steps in reserving the church for the service.

Please do not make any plans to announce and proceed with the ceremony until you have received written approval from the Worship and Liturgy Department. The selection of a wedding date will become final only with the approval of the Worship and Liturgy Department and the member of clergy designated to officiate at the wedding.

## MARRIAGE GUIDELINES

### MEMBER OF SAINT MICHAEL

To be a member of Saint Michael, you, your parents, or grandparents must be an active member in good standing, having been baptized and/or confirmed in the Episcopal Church, participating in stewardship by maintaining a pledge, and attending church services at Saint Michael on a regular basis for at least one year at the time of scheduling the wedding.

### NON-MEMBER OF SAINT MICHAEL

Non-members are those who do not attend Saint Michael or who have been official members for less than a year at the time of scheduling. Those who have no record of giving are also considered non-members.

### DALLAS AREA RESIDENTS

Couples who are not members of Saint Michael but live in the area may schedule a wedding if the church calendar permits. Non-members may not schedule a wedding more than 8 months in advance. Weddings are not scheduled during the month of December. If the couple does not have a faith community, they are encouraged to actively share in the worship and parish life at Saint Michael for a minimum of six months prior to the wedding. The couple must complete the pre-marital counseling sessions provided by Saint Michael or arrange with a member of clergy to have pre-marital counseling completed elsewhere.

## OUT OF TOWN RESIDENTS

People who live out of town but wish to be married in Dallas may be married at Saint Michael if the church schedule permits. If the couple does not live in Dallas, they may complete pre-marital counseling with clergy where they reside.

## PREVIOUSLY MARRIED

If one or both parties intending to be married has been previously married, an initial meeting with the clergy must precede the regular steps to reserve the wedding date. In addition, a petition to remarry must be made to the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. When this consent is requested, application also may be made to the Bishop for a judgment of dissolution or nullity (i.e. an annulment – see next question for more information) regarding the previous marriage. This upholds the pastoral responsibility to ensure that divorced persons fully comprehend the reasons for the failure of the first marriage and the church's teaching that marriage is for life. More than half of second marriages end in divorce, often because of unresolved issues present in the previous marriage. This petition process requires interviews with officiating clergy.

The Church requires that at least one year has elapsed between the date of the final divorce decree and the date the petition to remarry is submitted. The petition should be submitted at least thirty days (30) in advance of the wedding. The clergy will notify the Bishop immediately when the marriage has been solemnized.

If a person seeking marriage has more than one previous marriage that has ended in divorce and the previous spouses are still living, the situation is more complicated. If the divorced person believes that there are grounds to seek a judgment of nullity by the bishop (see next section for more information), the clergy can assist the individual in exploring that matter further. When there are no grounds for annulment, however, the process we understand to best honor the Church's teaching about the sacramental and lifelong character of marriage is for couples in such a situation to be married by a civil authority. After a period of at least a year, the couple is invited to meet with the clergy to explore a service bestowing the Church's blessing on the civil marriage. See pages 433-434 in The Book of Common Prayer for The Blessing of a Civil Marriage liturgy.

## ANNULMENT GUIDELINES

An ecclesiastical annulment is a declaration that no marriage occurred in the eyes of the Church. Such a judgment, made by the Bishop of the diocese, is based on an investigation into the conditions of the marriage with respect to the following:

- ❑ INTENT - one or both parties were incapable of forming the intent to establish a Christian union
- ❑ FORM - the rite used did not intend a Christian marriage and was inconsistent with the Christian understanding of marriage
- ❑ MINISTER - the person solemnizing the vows of marriage was not competent to do so, either by civil or ecclesiastical authority

- ❑ SUBJECT(S) - one party misrepresented his or her true identity, or otherwise deceived the other party
- ❑ MATTER - the parties never consummated the union

An ecclesiastical judgment of nullity is not based on a merely legal or mechanical assessment. Rather, it is based on a serious pastoral assessment of the whole circumstance surrounding the marriage. Nonetheless, judgments of nullity by a civil court would likely meet the grounds for an ecclesiastical annulment.

Communicants whose marriage has been dissolved or declared null may obtain letters assuring them of their continued good standing, on request; provided that such persons are not at the same time applying for permission to be remarried. It must be made clear to the party/parties making this petition that such a judgment in no way affects the legal validity of the marriage (in the eyes of civil authority), or the legal status of their children.

## MARRIAGE TIMELINE

At least 6 months prior to your desired wedding date, contact the Assistant for Worship and Liturgy regarding the completion of the *Reserve Your Date* form and to set up an initial wedding consultation meeting. Your wedding will be confirmed on the Saint Michael calendar only with the approval of the Worship and Liturgy Department, the officiating clergy, and the payment of the Facility Use Fee.

**Do not announce or print wedding details such as save the date cards or invitations until the date is confirmed in writing by Saint Michael.**

Saint Michael will work directly with the couple, and not wedding planners or other family members, to plan all wedding details.

### AT LEAST 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE WEDDING DATE

- ❑ Complete the Reserve Your Date form found on our website at [saintmichael.org/weddings](http://saintmichael.org/weddings)
- ❑ Confirm wedding date with Worship and Liturgy Department
- ❑ Consult with a member of clergy on staff at Saint Michael
- ❑ Pay the Facility Use Fee

### THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE WEDDDING DATE

- ❑ Schedule a music consultation meeting with the Music Department
- ❑ Finalize scheduling of pre-marital counseling sessions, or arrange with a member of clergy to have pre-marital counseling completed elsewhere
- ❑ Complete the Marriage Information Form sent by the Worship and Liturgy Department



## ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE WEDDING DATE

- ❑ Finalize wedding ceremony details with the Worship and Liturgy Department and officiating clergy
- ❑ If a printed wedding program is being prepared, seek approval from the Worship and Liturgy Department and officiating clergy before printing
- ❑ Pay final wedding fees
- ❑ Submit all vendor contact information to Worship and Liturgy Department
- ❑ Deliver Marriage License to Worship and Liturgy Department



## SETTING THE DATE

As soon as you know your desired wedding date, please complete the *Reserve Your Date* form found at [saintmichael.org/weddings](http://saintmichael.org/weddings). You must make an appointment and meet with the Worship and Liturgy Department and a member of the clergy before any other plans are finalized. It is important for both the prospective bride and groom to be present at that meeting. No arrangements, which involve the church, church facilities, or the clergy member who will perform the ceremony, are to be announced until the Worship and Liturgy Department and clergy's approval have been received. Until this is completed do not announce or print wedding details, including save the date cards and wedding invitations.

Episcopal Church law requires at least a 30-day notice before a wedding takes place. Beyond that, there must be time for premarital counseling, so it is important to contact the church as early as possible to begin discussing marriage and wedding plans. Scheduling a wedding six months to one year in advance of the wedding date is ideal if this is a first marriage for both parties. If this will be a second marriage for either party, more time is required. Please see the previous section for further information.

At Saint Michael, weddings are not permitted during holiday weekends or the season of Lent, including Holy Week. No more than two weddings may be scheduled on one day and there must be at least four hours between the start times of each wedding. Beginning in Advent until The Epiphany (late November until January 6) the church and chapel may have an Advent Wreath, Christmas trees, and a crèche in place. These liturgical furnishings of the Church will not be removed to accommodate weddings and floral arrangements.

## PREMARITAL COUNSELING

At Saint Michael, we feel it to be enormously important to offer a significant opportunity to prepare the couple for their life together as husband and wife.

Our "Christian Marriage" course is comprised of four sessions:

- ❑ Marriage: Covenant, Christ, & Community

- ❑ The Role of Power & Influence
- ❑ Creating your Vision of Marriage
- ❑ Generosity & Money in Marriage

Classes are offered at 10 am on Sunday mornings and attendance at all four classes is required. Upcoming Christian Marriage class dates are found on our website at [saintmichael.org/weddings](http://saintmichael.org/weddings)

In addition to completion of the Christian Marriage course, two one-hour private counseling sessions must be scheduled with Dr. Saleem Ateek at which the FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory will be completed and discussed. The FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory is a comprehensive, user-friendly tool to help couples prepare for marriage and is designed to help engaged couples appreciate their unique relationship, learn more about themselves, and discuss topics important to their lifelong marriage.

There is a fee of \$350 for these private counseling sessions. This fee will be due at the first session with Dr. Ateek. *Address: 5949 Sherry Ln Ste 125, Dallas, TX 75225 Phone: (214) 691-3882*

## CEREMONY PLANNING

### MARRIAGE SERVICE

The marriage ceremony follows the The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage liturgy found beginning on page 423 in The Book of Common Prayer. The final decision relating to all elements of the service rests with the officiating clergy from Saint Michael.

Each couple will determine the following aspects of the wedding liturgy:

- ❑ The readings and/or lessons they desire (See page 13 for scripture options with complete texts)
- ❑ Music selections (hymns, processional and recessional music, etc.). Any questions about music should be directed only to the staff musician who will oversee the music for the wedding (see a list of music suggestions on pages 8 of this booklet)
- ❑ Whether the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated as part of the wedding liturgy

A wedding ceremony with Holy Eucharist typically lasts 50-60 minutes; a service without Holy Eucharist typically lasts 35-40 minutes.

### OFFICIATING CLERGY

No service of Holy Matrimony may be conducted at Saint Michael without one of the parish clergy as the primary officiating priest. Episcopal clergy, clergy of other Christian denominations, and non-Christian denominations may participate in the service when their involvement seems justified and is approved by the clergy staff at Saint Michael.

## SEATING CAPACITY

- ❑ Church: 650
- ❑ Saint Michael Chapel: 175
- ❑ Bishop Moore Chapel: 50

## RESTRICTIONS

The following items are strictly prohibited:

- ❑ The use of rice, confetti, birdseed, bubbles, sparklers, etc.
- ❑ Dropping of flower petals (real or artificial) by wedding attendants
- ❑ Theme weddings and/or costumes
- ❑ Pets and animals aside from approved service animals
- ❑ The use of tobacco and vaping products
- ❑ Photography (with or without flash) by wedding guests

## MUSIC

The Director of Music (DOM) or Associate Director of Music (ADOM) takes part in planning the musical portion of all Saint Michael weddings. They are happy to provide you with suggestions, some of which are listed on the next page. Since the wedding is a church service, the DOM or ADOM have final approval of all musical selections since the music should be appropriate for Episcopal worship.

A staff organist plays at all weddings unless the couple chooses not to have music or music not requiring use of the organ. On the rare occasion when a staff organist is not available, the DOM will arrange for a suitable replacement.

The couple should contact the Worship and Liturgy Department as soon as they know they want music for their scheduled wedding so an organist can be assigned to play the wedding. Once the couple has planned the details of the wedding with the officiating clergy, they should contact the assigned organist for the selection of music. This should be completed no later than 60 days prior to the wedding.

Saint Michael regularly employs the finest musicians in the Metroplex as vocal soloists and instrumentalists. If the couple wishes to employ a singer, instrumentalist, or group of singers or instrumentalists (such as choir or string quartet), the music department will contract these musicians and additional fees will be incurred. Saint Michael does not allow outside musicians to perform in wedding ceremonies.

All musician fees must be paid 30 days prior to the wedding ceremony.



## PROCESSIONAL SELECTIONS

- ♪ ["Prince of Denmark's March"](#) | *Jeremiah Clarke (also sometimes called Trumpet Voluntary)*
- ♪ ["Canon in D"](#) | *Johann Pachelbel*
- ♪ ["Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"](#) | *Johann Sebastian Bach*
- ♪ ["Air on the G String"](#) (from Suite No. 3) | *Johann Sebastian Bach*
- ♪ ["Air"](#) (from Water Music) | *George Frideric Handel*
- ♪ ["Rondeau"](#) | *Jean-Joseph Mouret*
- ♪ ["Trumpet Tune"](#) | *Henry Purcell*

## HYMNS

- ♪ 657 "Love divine, all loves excelling"
- ♪ 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"
- ♪ 362 "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty"
- ♪ 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord" (*if wedding includes Holy Eucharist*)

## VOCAL SOLOS

- ♪ "Come my way, my truth, my life" | *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
- ♪ "Ave Maria" | *Franz Schubert*
- ♪ "Ave Maria" | *J.S. Bach/arr. Gounod*
- ♪ "Panis Angelicus" | *César Franck (if wedding includes Holy Eucharist)*

## RECESSIONALS

- ♪ ["Hornpipe"](#) (from Water Music) | *George Frideric Handel*
- ♪ ["Rondeau"](#) | *Jean-Joseph Mouret*
- ♪ ["Trumpet Tune"](#) | *Henry Purcell*
- ♪ ["Toccata"](#) (from Symphony No. 5) | *Charles Marie Widor*

## FLOWERS & DECORATIONS

The couple is required to provide altar flowers from a local professional florist, and Saint Michael works closely with and recommends My Secret Garden, Dr. Delphinium, and The Garden Gate. It is your florist's responsibility to contact the Assistant for Worship and Liturgy to discuss altar flower arrangements.

Altar flowers, bouquets, and all other flowers may be delivered to the church any time on Saturdays from 8-11:30 am when the church is open. Personal flowers should be labeled, "groom," "usher," etc. Contact information for your florist, including name, cell phone, and email address, must be provided so that your florist can be contacted if a problem arises the day of the wedding.

## CHURCH ALTAR FLOWERS REQUIREMENTS

Two fresh flower arrangements are need: Minimum/Maximum size: 4' x 4' / 4.5' x 4.5'

## SAINT MICHAEL CHAPEL or BISHOP MOORE ALTAR FLOWERS REQUIREMENTS

Two fresh flower arrangements are needed: Minimum/Maximum size: 3' x 3'

If there are two weddings on the same day and in the same space, it is recommended that couples agree upon and share the design and cost of the altar flowers.

**NOTE** Under no circumstances can the altar flowers be removed from the Church or Saint Michael Chapel after the ceremony since they are considered to be a gift to God in honor of the marriage. Floral gifts for weddings are acknowledged in the Sunday service bulletin.

Only real flowers and plants may be used. No synthetic, silk, dried, or any kind of floral substitutes are to be used anywhere in either the church or the chapel.

No objects (unity candles, pictures, displays, etc.) may be placed directly on the altar.

## PRINTED PROGRAMS

If the couple chooses to have printed programs for the wedding ceremony, the Worship and Liturgy Department and officiating clergy must review and sign off on the program no later than 30 days in advance of the wedding and before the program is printed. It is the responsibility of the couple to arrange for the printing of the programs.

If the couple chooses not to have printed programs, the officiating clergy will direct the congregation to *The Book of Common Prayer* and Hymnal during the service.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

In an effort to preserve the worship experience for the bride and groom and all those in attendance, no photographs, either with or without flash, may be taken in the Church during the service. PLEASE instruct your family and guests who might be likely to take pictures during the service.

The one exception is a professional photographer who may shoot without flash from the rear of the Church.

Professional photographs may be taken in the church after the wedding has taken place. If the photographer agrees to this, family and friends may be allowed to take their personal photographs at this time. All photography must be completed 30 minutes after the end of the service.

If photos are to be taken in the church before the wedding, all photography should be coordinated with the Wedding Guild representatives and be completed at least 30 minutes before the service.

If you wish to have the wedding recorded, your videographer must consult with the Worship and Liturgy Department, officiating clergy, and organist in advance of the wedding.

For the complete list of photography and videography policies, please visit: [saintmichael.org/weddings](http://saintmichael.org/weddings).

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

A marriage license from the state of Texas is a prerequisite to the Solemnization of Matrimony. The state of Texas requires that both the prospective bride and groom make an appointment at the County Clerk's Office in order to apply for a marriage license. The marriage license should be obtained no more than 90 days in advance of the wedding.

The marriage license should be dropped off at the south entrance reception desk between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm several weeks before the ceremony. The appropriate certificates will be signed at the wedding and the marriage license will be mailed to the County Clerk's office following the ceremony. After the license is processed by the County Clerk's office, it will be mailed back to the couple. This process usually takes 4-6 weeks.

## ALTAR GUILD AND WEDDING GUILD

Representatives of the Saint Michael Altar Guild and Wedding Guild will be present at all weddings and rehearsals. Members may contact you in order to finalize details of your service.



The purpose of the rehearsal is to acquaint members of the wedding party with their respective roles in the service so that the service itself may be conducted in a relaxed but worshipful manner. All rehearsals are at 5:00 pm the day before the wedding. All participants in the wedding (attendants, ushers, parents, grandparents, bridal party, readers) should participate in the rehearsal. Rehearsals begin promptly at the scheduled time and last approximately one hour.

Wedding Guild members will be present to assist the clergy in directing the rehearsal and coordinating the order of procession. The ceremony will begin with acolytes (cross and torches) leading in a formal procession including the clergy and wedding party from the church/chapel narthex. The Wedding Guild needs to be notified of any special seating arrangements and the number of reserved pews needed for family.

The officiating clergy has final authority over the order of the marriage service and all matters concerning the wedding party once inside the church. It is not necessary to have a professional wedding consultant involved in either the rehearsal or the wedding ceremony at Saint Michael.

No food or drink is allowed before, during, or after the rehearsal.



All members of the wedding party should arrive at the church no later than one hour and no earlier than two hours before the scheduled time of the service. It is strongly advised that the bride, groom, and wedding party arrive at the church fully dressed for the wedding with hair and makeup complete.

The bride, groom, and two witnesses (usually the honor attendants) are required to sign the Saint Michael wedding register and the marriage license immediately following the wedding.

## CONDUCT

Under no circumstances will alcoholic beverages be allowed on the premises (including in parking lots) of Saint Michael and All Angels. The couple and their families are responsible for explaining that any consumption of alcohol prior to arriving at the church may result in the immediate cancellation of the service.

## SECURING PERSONAL ITEMS

For security reasons, personal items and valuables should be entrusted to a designated person before the service begins, and a friend or family member should be designated to take care of any gifts brought to the church. Saint Michael cannot be responsible for the loss or theft of personal items or gifts. The bride and groom assume full liability for their event and for their guests.



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# WEDDING FEES AND CHARGES

Wedding fees are outlined below and will be finalized after discussion and agreement with the Worship and Liturgy Department. All fees are subject to change and must be paid in full 30 days before the wedding.

## CLERGY HONORARIUM

Since the planning of the wedding, the rehearsal, and the wedding day are not part of normal duties, the member of clergy who officiates at your wedding should receive a gift of not less than \$500. The exact amount is up to you. For Saint Michael clergy assisting at weddings at which the officiating Episcopal clergy member is not on staff, the customary honorarium is a minimum of \$250.

## PRE-MARITAL CLASS FEE

A check for \$350 made payable to Dr. Saleem Ateek is to be delivered at the first private session.

## FACILITY USE FEES

- ☐ Active/Pledging Member      \$1,100
- ☐ Non-Member      \$2,200
- ☐ Pew Torch Fee      \$100

## COMMON MUSIC FEES

- ☐ Staff Organist      \$250
- ☐ Vocal Soloist      \$150+
- ☐ Instrumentalist      \$250+  
(trumpeter, violinist, etc.)
- ☐ String Quartet      Consult with the Music Department for fees and booking
- ☐ Rehearsal Fee      \$75  
( if needed, additional Organist, Vocal Soloist, and Instrumentalist fees would apply)

All fees are subject to change with special requests.

## CLERGY FEES

- ☐ SMAA Clergy      \$500+
- ☐ SMAA Assisting Clergy      \$250



## SCRIPTURE OPTIONS FOR WEDDINGS

### OLD TESTAMENT

#### GENESIS 1:26-28 | MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM

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, 15-24 | A MAN CLEAVES TO HIS WIFE AND THEY BECOME ONE FLESH

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.

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 | THAT SHE AND I MAY GROW OLD TOGETHER

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."

PSALMS

PSALM 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## PSALM 127

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, \*  
their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, \*  
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; \*  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord, \*  
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior \*  
are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! \*  
he shall not be put to shame when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

## PSALM 128

- 1 Happy are they all who fear the Lord, \*  
and who follow in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; \*  
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, \*  
your children like olive shoots round about your table.
- 4 The man who fears the Lord \*  
shall thus indeed be blessed.
- 5 The Lord bless you from Zion, \*  
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's children; \*  
may peace be upon Israel.

## NEW TESTAMENT

### 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13 | LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND

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 | THE FATHER FROM WHOM EVERY FAMILY IS NAMED

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 | WALK IN LOVE, AS CHRIST LOVED US

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 | LOVE WHICH BINDS EVERYTHING TOGETHER IN HARMONY

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 | LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER FOR LOVE IS OF GOD

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.

#### GOSPEL | REQUIRED FOR WEDDINGS WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

#### MATTHEW 5:1-10 | THE BEATITUDES

When Jesus saw the crowds, 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 | YOU ARE THE LIGHT...LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE

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 lamp-stand, 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 | LIKE A WISE MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE UPON THE ROCK

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 | THEY ARE NO LONGER TWO BUT ONE

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 | LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

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.”



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