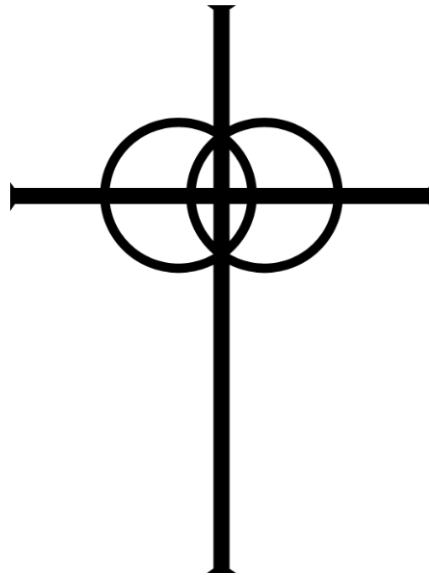


# *Wedding Preparation Class Handouts*



All Saints' Episcopal Church  
Fort Worth, Texas

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## Declaration of Intention

We,

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and

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desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a life-long union of husband and wife as it is set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.

We believe that the union of husband and wife, in heart, body, and mind, 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.

And we do engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto.

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Groom

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Bride

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Date

[Please turn in at next group session.]

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## A Helpful Timetable

| <b>Event and how long in advance</b>   | <b>Date</b> |
|--|-------------|
| Initial Consultation, Setting Date, Begin Pre-Marital Course<br>Formal Wear/Dresses Planning<br>6 months in advance of wedding is..... | _____       |
| Final selection of Reception Site<br>Caterer for receptions<br>5 months in advance of wedding is.....                                  | _____       |
| Consultation with Flower Guild<br>Consultation with Musician<br>4 months in advance of wedding is.....                                 | _____       |
| Preparation of Service Leaflet<br>Finish Pre-Marital Course<br><br>2 months in advance of wedding is.....                              | _____       |
| Pay fees, Send out invitations<br>Mail invitation to parish office for file<br>1 month in advance of wedding is .....                  | _____       |
| Rehearsal<br>day before the wedding is .....   | _____       |
| Wedding day is .....   | _____       |
| Thank You notes to<br>Altar Guild<br>Flower Guild<br>Preparing Clergy<br>mailed no later than one month after the wedding is.....      | _____       |

We have reviewed the Wedding Customary of All Saints' Episcopal Church. We understand and agree to abide by the policies and guidelines which are set forth in the Customary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bride

\_\_\_\_\_  
Groom

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest



GROOM'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be used in marriage ceremony \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_ Residence Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Previously married? \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ In what denomination? \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmed? \_\_\_\_\_ In what denomination? \_\_\_\_\_

Current Church Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Place \_\_\_\_\_

Month Day Year City State Country

Groom's Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Living \_\_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_\_

Groom's Mother's Full Name (including maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_

Living \_\_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_\_

Parent's Residence \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

BRIDE'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be used in marriage ceremony \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_ Residence Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Previously married? \_\_\_\_\_

If Widow, give Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ In what denomination? \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmed? \_\_\_\_\_ In what denomination? \_\_\_\_\_

Current Church Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Place \_\_\_\_\_

Month Day Year City State Country

Bride's Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Living \_\_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_\_

Bride's Mother's Full Name (including maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_

Living \_\_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_\_

Parent's Residence \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

# Marriage Homework Family Tree

## Part I

Make a family tree, going back no fewer than two generations (to your grandparents) and no farther than four generations and supply the following information:

Who married whom and how many (include names) children were born?

What did they do for a living?

Were any either profoundly wealthy or desperately poor?

What were their greatest joys as a couple and/or family?

What were their greatest challenges as a couple and/or family?

Were their issues of addiction (drugs, alcohol, gambling, over-eating, sexual, etc.)?

The creation of this family tree will invariably involve interviewing parents and/or grandparents and asking questions. Do not do this exercise from memory without consulting these people, when living and available. Feel free to share that you are doing this as an exercise in preparation for marriage.

## Part II

Create three lists, with no fewer than ten items on each list, completing the questions below (one list with ten items for each sentence):

I was/am attracted to my fiancé because . . . .

I believe that my fiancé was/is attracted to me because . . . .

I feel loved and cared for when my fiancé . . . .

Be specific in your completion of these sentences. “Because he’s/she’s nice” is of no help at all. The more specific the better.

Turn these assignments in at the next session.

# AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

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Sign BOTH parts of this Authorization and turn in at next session. Immediately call Lynn Busch at 817-703-3319 to acquire the psychological tests and to arrange a follow-up appointment.

We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize the release of testing results and consultation to Laura D. Fleming, M.S. and Lynn Busch, M.S., L.M.F.T., from The Reverend Christopher N. Jambor of All Saints' Episcopal Church. This information may include psychological test results and assessment of results, psychological treatment, and/or medical treatment.

In consideration of this consent, we hereby release the above parties from any and all liability arising therefrom.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Date

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We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize the release of testing results and consultation to The Reverend Christopher N. Jambor of All Saints' Episcopal Church from Laura Fleming, M.S., and Lynn Busch, M.S., L.M.F.T. This information may include psychological test results and assessment of results, psychological treatment, and/or medical treatment.

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Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Date

## Marriage Preparation Bible Study

In a Bible that is easy for you to read and understand, look up the following passages with your partner. Read them carefully and discuss them individually. Then, after you have read and studied each, write a brief reflection on each one of them covering the following areas:

- A. What basically is being said by the writer?
- B. Does this have anything to offer my/our particular situation today?
- C. How, if at all, could that impact our married life?

Do this together and take your time; do not try and do all of these passages at one sitting. Continue your reflection on the back of these pages if additional space is necessary. Bring this completed Bible study back at the next session.

Genesis 1:26-28

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-24

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

Tobit (Apocrypha) 8:5b-8

Psalm 67

Psalm 127

Psalm 128

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Ephesians 3:14-19

Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33

Colossians 3:12-17

I John 4:7-16

Matthew 5:1-10

Matthew 5:13-16

Matthew 7:21, 24-29

Mark 10:6-9, 13-16

John 15:9-12

## Scripture Selection Form

It is our policy that the scripture readings for the Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage must come from this list. You will choose one reading from each list to be read at your wedding.

First, complete the Marriage Preparation Bible Study. The completion of this Bible study will help you in deciding which scriptures are most meaningful to you.

**[Turn this form in to Fr. Jambor as soon as done.]**

### From the Old Testament

- \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 1:26-28
- \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 2:4-9, 15-24
- \_\_\_\_\_ Song of Solomon 2:10-13, 8:6-7
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tobit (Apocrypha) 8:5b-8

### From the Psalms

- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 67
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 127
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 128

### From the New Testament Epistles

- \_\_\_\_\_ I Corinthians 13:1-13
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ephesians 3:14-19
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33
- \_\_\_\_\_ Colossians 3:12-17
- \_\_\_\_\_ I John 4:7-16

### From the New Testament Gospels

- \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 5:1-10
- \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 5:13-16
- \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 7:21, 24-29
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mark 10:6-9, 13-16
- \_\_\_\_\_ John 15:9-12



## Worksheet on the Theology of the Marriage Rite

[To be completed after group session #5 on the Marriage Rite.]

This worksheet is designed to be used with the Marriage Rite on pages 423-433 in the *Book of Common Prayer*. Read and study those pages, working through the questions below.

How can we say that the bond and covenant of marriage was established at creation? (p. 423)

How do we know that Jesus supported the institution of marriage? (p. 423)

What do the relationship of husband and wife have in common with the mysterious relationship of Christ and the Church? (p. 423)

What are the three purposes behind Christian marriage? (p. 423)

1.

2.

3.

There are some specific words in the *Declaration of Consent* (*Book of Common Prayer*, page 424) that speak to the relationship that a wife and husband create in Holy Matrimony. What is meant by the following words?

covenant:

love:

comfort:

honor:

keep:

forsake:

faithful:

At the end of the *Declaration of Consent* the bride and groom each respond by saying “I will”. What does this expression signify?

In your own words, what does the Collect after the *Declaration of Consent* (BCP, bottom of page 425) ask God to do for the bride and groom?

In your own words, what are the promises that the bride and groom make to each other (BCP, page 427)?

Of what does the wedding ring remind its wearer?

What three ways do brides and grooms bind themselves to each other during this ceremony (BCP, page 428)?

Answer the following questions with respect to the Prayers for the Bride and Groom (BCP, page 429):

Why would a bride and groom need to be wise and devout?

Why would a bride and groom want to grow closer to God?

What needs to happen between a bride and a groom when one has hurt the other?

The Church would allege that it is not important who begins the above process. What theological precedent is set in the Cross for forgiveness and reconciliation?

What sign is available to the world when they look at a married couple?

What is assumed if God grants the gift of a child or children to a married couple?

What is a natural outcome of a couple living a fulfilled, affectionate life together?

What should married couples who go to a wedding get out of it?

The *Blessing of the Marriage* (BCP, page 430) implies that God's final act for a bride and groom, united and faithful to each other, will be what?

[ Turn in the worksheet to Fr. Jambor as soon as possible after completion.]

# MARRIAGE CEREMONY SERVICE LEAFLET INFORMATION

*This information must be turned in to Fr. Jambor one (1) month prior to the wedding. A draft of the service leaflet will be prepared and sent to the Bride and Groom for proofreading. Please print legibly.*

Bride's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Printed Programs Desired \_\_\_\_\_

The Nuptial Recital Music (completed by organist after your consultation with him):

| <i>Title</i> | <i>Composer</i> |
|--------------|-----------------|
| _____        | _____           |
| _____        | _____           |
| _____        | _____           |
| _____        | _____           |
| _____        | _____           |

The Procession In:

| <i>Title</i>     | <i>Composer</i> |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Attendants _____ | _____           |
| Bride _____      | _____           |

The Offertory Hymn: No. \_\_\_\_\_ First Line: \_\_\_\_\_

Music During Communion:

| <i>Title</i> | <i>Composer</i> |
|--------------|-----------------|
| _____        | _____           |

The Procession Out:

| <i>Title</i> | <i>Composer</i> |
|--------------|-----------------|
| _____        | _____           |

Wedding Participants:

Officiant / Preacher \_\_\_\_\_

Other Clergy \_\_\_\_\_

Organist \_\_\_\_\_

Parents of the Bride \_\_\_\_\_

Parents of the Groom \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparents of the Bride \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparents of the Groom \_\_\_\_\_

Maid of Honor \_\_\_\_\_

Matron of Honor \_\_\_\_\_

Bridesmaids \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Flower Girl \_\_\_\_\_

Ring Bearer \_\_\_\_\_

Best Man \_\_\_\_\_

Groomsmen \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Ushers \_\_\_\_\_

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House Party \_\_\_\_\_

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Lector(s) (supplied by the parish)

Acolyte(s) (supplied by the parish)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Repertoire of Organ Music for Weddings at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Texas

The organist's fee is based upon choice of repertoire from the following list of music in the organist's wedding repertoire, a one-hour conference with the wedding couple, and performance at the actual service. Should the organist agree to concert repertoire or to pieces not in the below listed repertoire, fees will have to be adjusted accordingly.

The cost of additional instruments or choir varies so drastically, depending on the season and requirements, that fees must be dealt with on an individual basis.

| <b>THE NUPTIAL RECITAL</b> | (20 minutes before the service)              | <b>Minutes</b> |
|----------------------------|--|----------------|
| Henry Purcell              | Suite No. V in C                             | 15             |
| George Frederick Handel    | Air (Water Music)                            | 5              |
| Ralph Vaughan Williams     | Rhosymedre                                   | 4              |
| Johann Sebastian Bach      | Jesu, joy of man's desiring                  | 3 ½            |
| Johann Sebastian Bach      | Arioso                                       | 3 ½            |
| George Frederick Handel    | Larghetto (12 <sup>th</sup> Concerto Grosso) | 4              |
| Johann Sebastian Bach      | Soul adorn thyself with gladness             | 6 ½            |
| Leon Boëllmann             | Prayer (Suite Gothique)                      | 5              |
| François Couperin          | Tierce en taille (Mass for the Parishes)     | 3              |
| Thomas Arne                | Flute Tune                                   | 2 ½            |
| George Frederick Handel    | Largo  | 3              |

### **THE PROCESSION IN**

#### **Attendants**

|                         |                                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Henry Purcell           | Voluntary in C                 |
| George Frederick Handel | Largo                          |
| André Campra            | Rigaudon                       |
| George Frederick Handel | Allegro maestoso (Water Music) |
| Samuel Sebastian Wesley | Choral Song                    |

#### **Bride**

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Jeremiah Clarke | Trumpet Voluntary |
| Henry Purcell   | Trumpet Tune      |

### **DURING COMMUNION**

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Johann Sebastian Bach   | Arioso                                   |
| Johann Sebastian Bach   | Jesu, joy of man's desiring              |
| Johann Sebastian Bach   | Soul adorn thyself with gladness         |
| Leon Boëllmann          | Prayer (Suite Gothique)                  |
| François Couperin       | Tierce en taille (Mass for the Parishes) |
| Thomas Arne             | Flute Tune                               |
| George Frederick Handel | Largo                                    |

### **PROCESSION OUT**

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Benedetto Marcello | Psalm XIX           |
| John Stanley       | Trumpet Voluntary   |
| Henry Purcell      | Trumpet Tune        |
| Jeremiah Clarke    | Trumpet Voluntary   |
| Louis Couperin     | Chaconne in G minor |

## Suggested Hymns for Weddings

|       |                                      |
|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 336   | Come with us, O blessed Jesus        |
| 339   | Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness |
| 351   | May the Grace of Christ our Savior   |
| 352   | O God, to those who here profess     |
| * 353 | Your love, O God, has called us here |
| 376   | Joyful, joyful, we adore thee        |
| 390   | Praise to the Lord                   |
| 410   | Praise, my soul, the King of heaven  |
| 516   | Come down, O Love divine             |
| 517   | How lovely is thy dwelling-place     |
| 518   | Christ is made the sure foundation   |
| 544   | Jesus shall reign                    |
| 645   | The King of love                     |
| 657   | Love divine, all loves excelling     |

\* Especially good!