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Guidelines for the Sacrament of Marriage at St. George on Yonge Anglican Church, Toronto

We are pleased that you are considering St. George on Yonge for your upcoming Marriage Celebration. It is a privilege to assist in preparing you and in participating in this holy and sacred moment in your life together.

This material provides guidelines if you are considering, or preparing for, getting married at St. George on Yonge. If you haven't already done so, please contact the church office at (416) 225-1922 or **office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca**. They will be able to let you know whether your preferred date is available and assist in arranging a meeting with our clergy.

The meeting with clergy should take place as soon as possible and must be at least 60 days before the proposed wedding date. At this meeting the clergy will discuss the meaning of marriage, the details of the service, and confirm the final booking of the wedding.

Please complete the St. George on Yonge **Sacrament of Marriage Form** and return it to the church office at least two weeks before your meeting with the clergy.

Christian Marriage

Christian Marriage is a holy and public covenant between a man and a woman, in the presence of God. In the Anglican Church, it is required that at least one of the parties be a baptised Christian. It is hoped that couples intending marriage at St. George on Yonge are willing to practice their faith by becoming a part of our worshipping community.

Preparation for Marriage

The church requires that each couple prepare for marriage. Courses are available to help couples in this preparation. We recommend the programme offered by the Rev. Brian Murray of Humancare. He can be reached at (905) 841-3173 or see the website at **www.marriageprep.com**

Marriage Licences

A marriage licence must be obtained, issued at any municipal office. Please note the licence is valid for three months from the date of issue but there is a waiting period of three full days between the date of issue and the date of the wedding. Please bring your marriage licence to the clergy at the final preparation meeting before the wedding.

Remarriage of Divorced Persons

Under certain circumstances, divorced persons may be married in the Anglican Church. It is wise to consult with a member of the clergy, as early as possible, if such a wedding is contemplated. At least ninety (90) days' notice is required.

Change of Name

A person adopting the surname of the spouse can do so by obtaining a driver's licence or a passport or other forms of identification, although usually a copy of the marriage certificate is required.

The Order of Service

I. Eucharist

We encourage practicing, baptised Christians to consider prayerfully having the Eucharist as part of their Marriage Celebration. Both members of the couple would need to participate, and the congregation would be invited to receive if they so desired.

II. Music

Music is to be in keeping with Christian worship. Our organist and director of our music ministry, Mr. Michael Leach, is available for consultation regarding your wedding music most Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. service. His contact information can be available through the church office.

III. Scripture Readings

At least one scripture passage is to be read as part of the liturgy. The choice is left to the couple based on the following criteria.

One or two passages from the Old Testament and Epistles may be read during the service. If you would like, this could be a place where a family member or friend could participate if that is meaningful for you. Couples are encouraged to choose from the following list of appropriate readings:

Genesis 1:27-28,31a

I Corinthians 13

Colossians 3:12-17

Romans 12:1-2,9-13

Ephesians 3:14-19

I John 4:7-12

One gospel passage is read by the clergy as part of the liturgy. Please choose 1 of the following appropriate Bible texts from the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John).

Matthew 5:1–10
 Matthew 22:35–40
 Mark 10:6–9

John 2:1–11
 John 15:9–12

IV. Bulletins/Service Leaflets

If you would like to have service bulletins or leaflets for your guests, a template can be provided by the clergy for you to design and have printed. Please be sure to have the final approval of the clergy before printing to ensure accuracy.

Flowers and Accessories

You can arrange for flowers to be delivered to the church prior to the wedding service. Please contact the office 1-2 weeks before the wedding for times the office is open.

Videos and Photography

Videos are permitted as long as they are unobtrusive and do not interrupt the solemnity of the service. Pictures may be taken as the wedding party enters the church; however, there are to be no flash pictures throughout the service. Pictures may be taken during the signing of the register. It is helpful if you discuss this policy when making arrangements with your photographer and videographer, and that he or she meet with the presiding priest at least 15 minutes before the service to discuss this policy. It is helpful if this conversation can happen at a time before the day of the marriage ceremony if that is possible.

Marriage Services Outside the Church

The Anglican Church of Canada does allow provision for the Sacrament of Marriage to be celebrated outside the church building. However there are additional guidelines that the couple must follow and adhere. These are available in a separate document, "**The Sacrament of Marriage Taking Place Outside the Church.**" Please read before you meet with the parish clergy to discuss your marriage service.

Fees

	Service		Preparation	
	Parishioners	Non-parishioners		
Use of Church	\$265	\$525		
Clergy		\$350	Candelabra (optional)	\$150
Organist		\$200	Nuptial Candle (optional)	\$25
Custodian		\$100		

Please note that other fees may be applicable. Fees may be amended from time to time. Personnel (clergy, organist) should be paid directly. All other fees should be paid directly to the church.