

WEDDING CEREMONY

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Music (*20-30 minutes before ceremony begins*)

Lighting of Candles

Seating of Groom's Grandparents

Seating of Bride's Grandparents

Seating of Groom's Parents

Seating of Bride's Mother

Solo (*optional*)

Processional begins

Officiant, Groom and Groomsmen enter

(Officiant and Groom only enter if Groomsmen and Bridesmaids enter together)

Bridesmaids enter

Maid/Matron of Honor enters

Ring Bearer and Flower Girl enter

Bride enters on Escort's left arm

Welcome/Invocation

Consent of the Bride and Groom

Giving Away of the Bride (*Escort takes his seat*)

Address and Readings by the Officiant (*Friends may participate in readings*)

Solo (*optional*)

Exchange of Vows

Explanation of the Rings

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Lighting of the Unity Candle (*or other Wedding Tradition*)

Solo (*optional*)

Wedding Prayer/Blessing

Solo (*optional*)

Pronouncement of Marriage

Kiss

Presentation of the Couple—(Mr. and Mrs.) _____

Recessional

Groom and Bride exit

Ring Bearer and Flower Girl exit

Groomsmen and Bridesmaids exit together

Bride's Parents are escorted out

Groom's Parents are escorted out

Bride's Grandparents are escorted out

Groom's Grandparents are escorted out

Officiant makes announcements, dismisses the guests, then exits