

Cover page

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WEDDING OF
[Name] and [Name]
[Church name. e.g., St Wilfrid's York]

[Wedding Date]

Inside pages

Prelude	"Largo by G.F. Handel"	[List prelude music, if any. You may also wish to list the name of the composer and/or the name of the soloists or musicians providing the music.]
Entrance of the Bride	"Trumpet Voluntary" <i>Please stand.</i>	
Opening Hymn	"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" .	[It is much easier to print the words of the hymn in full rather than hand out hymn books. Texts can often be found online. e.g. <i>Cyberhymnal</i> - but always check the words carefully!]
Greeting		[The Celebrating priest welcomes the congregation and the Bride and Groom]
Opening Prayer		[The formal opening prayers of the service]

Liturgy of the Word

[The underlined headings indicating the parts of the Mass may be omitted.]

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24
Please sit.

[It is very helpful, especially for those hard of hearing or non-English speakers, to print out the readings in full. You may like to include the name of the reader]

Responsorial Psalm

"The Lord is my shepherd."
(Psalm 23)
Please join the reader in the response.

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-12

[The second reading may be omitted. If there are two ideally one should be from the Old Testament, the other from the New Testament]

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"
Please stand and join the reader in the Alleluia

Gospel

John 15:9-12

[Church law requires that a priest or a deacon must read the Gospel]

Homily

Please sit.

[You may like to give the name of the preacher]

The Rite of Marriage

Please stand.

[It is not necessary to print the vows in full]

Exchange of Vows and the Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Prayer of the Faithful

Please respond to each prayer with the response indicated by the reader.

Hymn as above

[In a Wedding Mass the Offertory and Eucharistic Prayer take place at this point]

Nuptial Blessing

[In a Wedding Mass the Nuptial Blessing takes place after the Lord's Prayer]

The Lord's Prayer

[In a Wedding Mass the distribution of Holy Communion takes place after the Lord's Prayer]

Final Blessing

Please respond by saying or singing "Amen"

[The Priest gives the Blessing.]

Closing Hymn

"Lift Up Your Hearts"

[During the signing of the hymn the Bridal party retire to the Sacristy to sign the Registers. This may have taken place at the Offertory in a Mass]

Signing of the Registers

Bride and Groom's Exit and Procession of Guests

"Wedding March"
Felix Mendelssohn

[The Bride and Groom lead the procession, men on the right women on the left, followed by the Bride's mother and the groom's father, the groom's mother and the bride's father, the Bridesmaids

and pages, the Chief
Bridesmaid walking
with the Best Man.]

Back cover or inside back cover

Other information you may want to include in your wedding programme:

- Words of welcome encouraging your guests' participation in the celebration.
- A request not to use flash photography during the ceremony.
- Thanks and acknowledgements to those who helped to plan and organise the wedding.
- Quotes from Scripture, poetry, artwork - to be used to fill blank spaces.
- Directions to the reception hall.