



St. Martin in the Fields

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weddings at St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church

The celebration of Christian Marriage is an occasion of great joy. The clergy and staff of St. Martin in the Fields are pleased that you seek a holy union and will joyfully celebrate with you on your wedding day. The Sacrament of Christian marriage at St. Martin's conforms to the canons of the Episcopal Church, and is done in accordance with the state laws of Georgia.

Preference in scheduling weddings is given to those who are active members [or whose parents are active members] of St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church.

[Membership is defined as someone who is baptized, has been a member for at least one year prior to the wedding, is involved in parish activities, and has made and honored a financial pledge during the annual stewardship campaign.]

Getting on the Schedule:

- Check with the Parish Administrator about getting your requested date on the calendar. Please refrain from publicizing any dates or wedding times until they have been approved by the priest officiating your ceremony and the Parish Administrator, Consuela Smikle-Williams, [admin@stmartins.org or (404) 228-0752].
- Please note: we do not perform weddings during the penitential season of Lent.
- Dates may be reserved no less than 90 days prior and no more than one year in advance. After scheduling the wedding on the church calendar, a couple may schedule their first meeting with the priest who will be officiating.



- Rehearsals are typically held the Friday before at 5:00 p.m. It is expected that all members of the wedding party participate and arrive on time.

Pre-Marital Counseling:

- Prior to marriage, pre-marital counseling is required. Please speak with the priest who will officiate at your wedding concerning how these sessions may be fulfilled.

Liturgical Guidelines:

- Marriages at St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church are performed in accordance to the form found in the Book of Common Prayer (1979), page 422, or one of the versions of the liturgy approved by the Bishop.
- The celebration of Holy Eucharist is encouraged at all weddings at St. Martin's. When the Eucharist is celebrated, all are invited to receive. Any questions the couple may have regarding the celebration of the Eucharist may be answered during the one-on-one meetings with the Rector or other clergy.
- Wedding bulletins can be printed in the parish office, or may be printed by couple with the vendor of the couple's choosing. Bulletins are subject to final approval of the priest two weeks prior to the wedding service.



Music:

- Our Music Minister, Will Gotmer, alongside the participating clergy, will be happy to help you plan music for your service. ***All arrangements for music must begin with the Music Minister, including securing a vocal soloist or instrumental musicians such as a trumpet player, string quartet, etc. No arrangements for music should be made without the Music Minister's knowledge.*** Will Gotmer can be reached at wgotmer@stmartins.org or (404) 228-0753.
- The criteria for selecting music for a wedding are the same as those used in planning music for Sunday liturgies. A wide range of organ, instrumental, congregational, and solo music is possible. Congregational sung music must come from the Hymnal 1982 or its supplements (Lift Every Voice and Sing II; Wonder, Love, and Praise; Voices Found). Music of a sacred nature is preferred for services in the Episcopal Church, but secular music that helps direct our attention towards God and love for one another may also be appropriate. The Music Minister and clergy are happy to help you consider what is appropriate for your service and what might be better reserved for the reception.
- Ten to fifteen minutes of organ prelude music selected by the Music Minister will be played prior to the processional music.

Suggested Processional Music

(some may also be suitable for the recessional)

1. Canon in D — Johann Pachelbel
2. Trumpet Tune — Henry Purcell
3. Trumpet Voluntary — John Stanley
4. Sheep May Safely Graze — J.S. Bach
5. Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring — J.S. Bach
6. Air (from Suite No. 3) — J.S. Bach
7. Air (from 'Water Music') — G.F. Handel
8. Minuet (from 'Water Music') — G.F. Handel
9. Prince of Denmark's March — Jeremiah Clarke
10. Prelude to "Te Deum" — M-A. Charpentier

Suggested Recessional Music

11. Minuet (from 'Water Music') — G.F. Handel
12. Hornpipe (from 'Water Music') — G.F. Handel
(Also suitable for a processional)
13. Overture (Fireworks Music) — G. F. Handel
14. Prelude on 'In Dir ist Freude' — J.S. Bach
15. Fugue in C Major — J.S. Bach
16. Carillon-Sortie — Henry Mulet
17. Nun danket alle Gott — Sigfrid Karg-Elert
18. Hymn to Joy — Michael Burkhardt

In order to hear the suggested processional/recessional music,
please refer to the following Spotify [link](#).



- Below is a list of hymn suggestions for your service. (*Other sections or hymns may be possible upon request*)

376 – Joyful, joyful we adore thee	516 – Come down, O Love divine
379 – God is Love, let heaven adore him	645 – The King of love my shepherd is
380 – From all that dwell below the skies	657 – Love divine, all loves excelling
382 – King of glory, King of peace	671 – Amazing Grace
390 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	686 – Come thou fount of every blessing
397 – Now thank we all our God	707 – Take my life, and let it be
400 – All creatures of our God and King	LEVAS 60 – How great Thou art
410 – Praise, my soul, the King of heaven	LEVAS 88 – My faith looks up to thee
416 – For the beauty of the earth	LEVAS 137 – Just as I am
488 – Be thou my vision	WLP 812 – I, the Lord of sea and sky

- The minimum wedding fee for the organist is included in your standard wedding fee, which includes a wedding consultation and playing the service. Attendance at the wedding rehearsal, rehearsal with requested soloists, and extraordinary practice time necessitated by request for difficult or unusual music will be compensated at a rate of \$75 per appearance. Compensation for outside musicians must be contracted through each individual player/singer and is not included in your standard wedding fee. ***A reminder that all outside musicians must be approved and/or arranged by St. Martin’s Music Minister, but their compensation should come directly from the couple.***

Flowers / Decorations:

- It is customary to limit flowers to the two arrangements on the altar. Silk flowers are not permitted. Only the church’s pew markers may be used. Candles are limited to those used in public worship; there is not a place for the use of a Unity Candle in Episcopal worship. Additional decorations are not permitted.
- The florist will need to provide containers for the arrangements. The pedestals in the church are round and measure 8” in diameter. The total height of any arrangement should not exceed 36”. The church works primarily with FlowerCraft [(770) 458-7937] and recommends you do the same.



- Traditionally, flowers are left after the wedding for use by the church for Sunday services and then taken to homebound members or those in hospitals.
- In the interest of safety, an aisle runner is not used for wedding services at St. Martin in the Fields Church.

Additional Information, Policies, and Procedures:

- The Wedding Hostess of St. Martin's, Beth Holland, will contact the couple after the wedding is scheduled. She will be on-site for the rehearsal and wedding ceremony to help logistically and answer any questions the family may have. If a private wedding consultant is hired, they will be welcome to assist with dressing and the like, but we ask all outside vendors to respect the final decisions and directions made by the Wedding Hostess.
- Photographs may be taken up to 30 minutes before or after the wedding. During the service, photography is limited to the balcony of the church, so as not to distract the priest officiating and the guests. **Flash photography is NOT permitted during the service.** Video may be taken from a tripod located in the balcony area. The church is equipped with live-streaming capabilities, but this can only be operated by a member of the church A/V team, subject to their availability and a \$200 fee. The service would be live-streamed to the church's YouTube, and additionally you would have access to the video through YouTube once uploaded after the service.
- Gable Hall is available for receptions, and may be booked through the Parish Office. Beer, wine, and champagne may be served on-site in conjunction with the service of non-alcoholic beverages and food. **Distilled alcohol beverages are strictly prohibited.**
- If you have any other questions, please contact Consuela Smikle-Williams, Parish Administrator, in the church office at admin@stmartins.org or (404) 228-0752.



- Fee information is as follows. All fees must be paid and the marriage license presented to the office no later than one week before the wedding. **St. Martin's CANNOT marry a couple without a marriage license.**

2023 – 2024 Fee Schedule

Wedding Fees:

\$2,250 Pledging member flat fee (\$750 deposit)

\$3,250 Non-pledging member flat fee (\$1,250 deposit)

Reception Fees:

\$1,000 Flat fee (\$500 deposit)

