

Typical Wedding Ceremony Example

All people in the wedding party need to be at the wedding location no later than 60 minutes prior to the wedding march

Pre-Ceremony

1. Music begins 30 minutes prior to procession
2. Guests are welcomed and registered
 - a. Ushers (names) usher guests to their seats
 - b. As facing stage, groom's family is seated on the right, bride's on the left
3. At (time) parents are seated
 - a. Mothers light candles, then are seated
 - b. Mothers seat in second row
4. Wedding processional music begins
5. Pastor, groom and groomsmen enter from the side and appear up front
 - a. Best Man (name)
 - b. Groomsmen (names)
6. Bridesmaids enter
 - a. Bridesmaid #1 (name)
 - b. Bridesmaid #2 (name)
 - c. Bridesmaid #3 (name), etc.
7. Flower girl follows – (name)
8. Wedding march begins
 - a. Father walks bride down aisle (mother of bride stands, turns around to watch bride, everyone follows her lead)

Ceremony

Statement of Purpose

Friends, we are gathered here today...

The Giving of the Bride

Who is giving this woman to be married to this man?

(Bride's father replies "Her mother and I do.")

(Bride and groom come forward and hold hands)

Reading of Scripture

Declaration of Intent

Groom's name...will you have bride's name to be your wife..if so, answer, "I will."

Bride's name...will you have groom's name to be your husband..if so, answer, "I will."

Message

You have chosen today to be married...etc.

The Marriage Vows

Will you now face each other and repeat after me your wedding vows?

I, groom, take you, bride to be my wife...

I, bride, take you, groom to be my husband...

Exchange of the Rings (bride and groom take rings from Best Man)

Groom, place the ring you have selected on bride's finger...repeat after me...

Bride, place the ring you have selected on groom's finger...repeat after me...

Lighting of Unity Candle (music plays in background 2.5 minutes)

Behind me is a candle...

Prayer for the Bride and Groom

Pastor prays

Pronouncement of Marriage

I now pronounce you husband and wife...you may kiss your bride

Presentation of the Newlyweds

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my distinct honor...Mr. and Mrs.

What changes would you like to make to the order of the ceremony:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.