



*Celebrating & Blessing  
Your Marriage  
at St. Michael's*



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# *Congratulations* ON YOUR *Engagement*

The chances are that you are reading this booklet because you are anticipating the celebration and blessing of a marriage. We believe that this is a time of great joy and anticipation. Our experience also tells us that this is a time of questions, expectations, and anxiety. It is our hope that this booklet will help answer many of the questions, and relieve some of the anxiety.

Please take time to read this booklet carefully and keep it handy. It will answer many questions for those whose services you enlist for this occasion such as photographers and florists. If you have other questions, be sure to address them with the parish clergy, wedding administrator, parish musician, or Altar Guild member involved with your service. Again, our congratulations and prayers on your anticipated occasion.

## What To Do First

If you are planning to get married and are interested in having your wedding at St. Michael's, you need to do two things to begin.

- Read this booklet completely (note any questions)
- Contact the Parish Office at 847-381-2323 ext. 11. All weddings are scheduled through the Parish Office, in coordination with clergy.



## What is Holy Matrimony?

In the Episcopal Church Holy Matrimony is a sacrament: an outward and visible sign of God's inward and spiritual grace. Grace is God's favor towards us, unearned and undeserved; by grace God forgives our sins, enlightens our minds, stirs our hearts, and strengthens our wills. Specifically, Holy Matrimony is Christian marriage, in which the woman and man enter into a life-long union, make their vows before God and the Church, and receive the grace and blessing of God to help them fulfill their vows.

In the service itself we learn that the union of husband and wife in heart, body and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity.

## Getting Married in the Episcopal Church

For a couple to be married in any Episcopal Church there are certain basic requirements.

- At least one of the persons being married must be a baptized Christian
- At least one of the persons being married, their parents or grandparents must be an active member of St. Michael's.
- Each couple must participate in pre-marital counseling
- The intention to be married must be declared to the Rector:
  - If this is a first marriage for both parties at least three months notice is needed
  - If either party to this marriage has been married previously, then at least four months notice is required
  - Exceptions can be made only under extreme circumstances, but are rarely granted and never without a 30 day notice
  - Non member couples seeking to have their wedding at St. Michael's is not permitted. Some exceptions may apply at the discernment of the Rector and church policy. If consented to, additional fees will apply.

Baptism, Pre-marital Counseling & Previous Marriages will be addressed in detail later in the booklet.

## Getting Married at St. Michael's

For a couple to be married at St. Michael's the requirements of the Episcopal Church must be satisfied. It is also expected that those whose marriage is to be celebrated and blessed at St. Michael's will participate in the worship life of this parish. Arrangements are made for those who are worshipping in other places due to school or work.

**Baptism** — Should it be that one or both parties have not been baptized and desire to be, we will be glad to make the appropriate arrangements. This does require some preparation, so we ask that you be sure to let the priest you are working with know this as soon as possible.

• **Pre-Marital Counseling** — We take our obligation for pre-marital counseling seriously at St. Michael's. Marriage is not only what happens at the wedding, it is a life changing event no matter how long and under what circumstances you have known your intended. Preparation for such a change is appropriate and important. This involves several sessions (usually 3-5) with a counselor whom St. Michael's uses, an outside counselor approved by clergy, or the clergy themselves. Be assured that the priest who is working with your wedding will be involved in your preparation as well. There is a cost associated with the counseling, depending upon who is leading it.



## Previous Marriages

If either party to the marriage has been previously married, there are some special steps which need to be taken. If a previous marriage ended by the death of a spouse this must be noted.

If a previous marriage ended in divorce, the Church requires that this be verified and that the circumstances of the previous marriage and its reason for dissolution be examined. The priest then files papers with the Bishop to verify the end of the prior marriage and secure permission to preside at the proposed wedding. The formal word for this process is "Adjudication." This is not an annulment of any previous marriage, and there is no additional cost.

## Other Requirements

These are basic items required by the Church or by the laws of the State of Illinois. You may use this as a checklist if you like.

- Declaration of Intention — A document which formally declares your intention to be married. Signed by both parties and returned to the priest presiding at your wedding.
- Marriage License — This must be obtained from the office of the CLERK OF COOK COUNTY. Licenses in Illinois are issued by county and are only valid for marriages actually done in that county. Please be sure you obtain your license from Cook County, the County in which St. Michael's resides. You will need to check with the County Clerk's office about license details such as cost, how long they are valid, etc.

**NOTE: The marriage license MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE REHEARSAL. We cannot perform the wedding without it!**

## Scheduling Your Wedding

As stated previously, all weddings are scheduled through the Parish Office and the Rector. There are several things which you will want to know about weddings at St. Michael's. Remember, confirm your wedding and day and time with the church before booking your reception and/or sending invitations.

**Dates** — Weddings at St. Michael's are scheduled throughout the year. It is a long-standing tradition that there are no weddings scheduled in Lent. This is because such a joyous celebration as a wedding is out of place in a season defined as one of penitence and fasting.

**Times** — Most weddings are scheduled on Saturdays (though other days are possible), for no particular reason other than it is what often works best for family and friends. Occasionally St. Michael's has services on Saturday evening's beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please confirm your service time with parish administrator.

**Location of Weddings** — It is the custom at St. Michael's that weddings are celebrated at the church, either in our Sanctuary or Chapel. The Sanctuary has seating for approximately 250; the Chapel seats 35. On occasion arrangements have been made for a priest from St. Michael's to preside at a wedding in another Episcopal Church or at another location. These exceptions take very careful planning. There is no cost for the use of the church facility. Gifts are at your discretion.

**Clergy** — Though the Rector confirms all scheduling of weddings, this does not mean that only the Rector does weddings. Any of the clergy at St. Michael's may preside at marriage. If you have a particular priest you would like to preside, please communicate your desire to the Rector or parish office at the time of scheduling. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.

**Other Clergy** — All requests for other clergy to be involved in marriage services at St. Michael's are appropriately directed to the Rector or presiding priest. Please communicate your desire to the Rector or parish office at the time of scheduling.

**Visiting Clergy and Weddings**— These guidelines are also provided for visiting clergy who preside at weddings at St. Michael's, with the approval of the Rector, with the expectation that they will be respected. We ask that any request for changes from these guidelines be directed to the Rector prior to commitment. Additionally, we ask that the visiting clergy stay with the wedding party until all have left St. Michael's.

## When You Have Your Wedding at St. Michael's

As a part of our ministry to the couple, their family and their wedding guests, having you wedding at St. Michael's includes the following:

***The leadership and guidance of one of St. Michael's priests*** — The priest (or staff wedding coordinator) working with your wedding will meet with you to plan the details of the service, and be present to guide you through the rehearsal and the service. In the Episcopal Church it is the priest who directs all worship services. There is no fee for the services of the clergy. Gifts to the clergy or their discretionary funds are left to your discretion.

***The services of St. Michael's Minister of Music*** — We have an excellent Minister of Music and Organist at St. Michael's. One of these persons will meet with you early on in the planning process to assist you in selecting the music for your wedding. Should you desire additional instrumentalists, they have excellent resources. Musicians, vocalists or instrumentalists, who are not known to them must be approved by them prior to being involved in the wedding service. Guidelines for music selection are found later in this booklet.

The fee schedule for the St. Michael's musician:

Consultation, ceremony and rehearsals on the day of the wedding — \$250.00

Additional fee for rehearsals with soloists — \$50.00

Additional fee for rehearsal with wedding party — \$50.00

*(A bench fee will be imposed if you wish an organist other than St. Michael's to perform your wedding)*

***The services of the St. Michael's Altar Guild*** — We are fortunate to have a very well trained and experienced Altar Guild. They assist in seeing that the details which you and the priest have agreed upon are handled skillfully and appropriately. If you have hired an outside wedding consultant our altar guild will be happy to work with her. In addition to being at the rehearsal and service, the Altar Guild does the flowers for the altar. They will be glad to talk with you about your color and flower desires. The only fee associated with their work is for the flowers themselves, and it currently ranges from \$75 - \$125 depending on your requests. The altar flowers used for the ceremony must be left for the church. You may choose to use the aisle candelabra (tiered candles placed at the end of center pews). If you choose, small flower arrangements or bows may be placed at the base of each aisleabra. These flowers would be at your cost and designed and set up by your florist (no upward trailing or climbing decorations may be affixed on the poles). No other flower arrangements, urns, stands, canapés or columns are permitted in the church.



## When You Have Your Wedding at St. Michael's...*continued*

***The services of St. Michael's Acolytes*** — These dedicated and well trained persons serve at the altar, assisting the priest in many ways. Additionally, they carry the processional cross, torches, and others functions as your service may require. There is no fee for their services. Gifts are at your discretion.

***The Service of St. Michael's Sexton*** — Our sexton cares for the buildings and grounds. Because weddings always necessitate that our sexton comes in early and/or stays late on rehearsal/wedding days, there is a fee of \$50 for his services.

***The services of St. Michael's Wedding Administrator*** – The job of the St. Michael's Wedding Administrator is to answer all wedding inquiries and questions via phone calls, emails, and/or appointments set up with her. She will meet with the couple to give them a tour of the facility, show them what rooms are available to use, go over the wedding packet information, and ensure all forms are filled out. Along with the couple she will create the order of the wedding ceremony (using the liturgy of the Episcopal marriage ceremony in *The Book of Common Prayer*) and a wedding bulletin. She is available to help the couple coordinate the details of the ceremony leading up to the wedding day.

***Service Bulletin*** - If desired, the staff will prepare a service bulletin with music referenced (please see the office receives your music selections as soon as you choose them), and the participants of the ceremony. There is no fee for this bulletin if you are members of St. Michael's. Please plan to come in at least six weeks before the ceremony to go over the details of the service and bulletin with the Staff Wedding Administrator. If you choose to have your bulletin created by an outside printer, please show it to the clergy for their review and approval prior to printing.



## The Use of the Church for the Rehearsal and Wedding

***The Rehearsal:*** We believe that one hour will cover all the time needed for rehearsal. All participants are expected to be on time for the rehearsal. If you have employed a consultant to assist you with other aspects of your wedding, please advise him or her that the presiding priest oversees all the facets of the rehearsal and the wedding service. Bring your marriage license and other associated fees to the rehearsal and give it to the officiant or rehearsal facilitator.

***The Wedding Day:*** We allow an hour-and-a-half prior to the wedding and forty-five minutes after the wedding (unless we have a service scheduled sooner than that which you will be informed of at the time you schedule your wedding). We believe this allows plenty of time for pictures, and will also see that your guests are not waiting forever after the service.

***Dressing Rooms:*** Dressing rooms are provided for the bride, groom and their attendants. We encourage the bride and attendants to arrive at the church 'ready', except for gowns. The groomsmen are encouraged to arrive dressed in wedding apparel. Dressing rooms must be cleared of clothing and personal items immediately following the wedding.

## The Wedding Service

***The Wedding Service*** — The service itself is found in the Book of Common Prayer, 1979. It begins on page 423. This is a beautiful worship service and provides many options. Choices and selections (see page 16) which can be made include the Scripture to be read, choice of certain prayers, many musical options, and more. Additionally, there is the opportunity for you to choose readers, ushers, and more. This variety allows couples to make the celebration uniquely their wedding.

Because of the beauty and variety which are provided for in the Prayer Book for this worship any requests for other liturgies (such a “Lighting of Unity Candles”) must be kept very simple. Often couples choose to have these as a part of the reception where they can receive an appropriate ceremonial attention of their own. Requests for other liturgies to be included as a part of your service are to be conveyed to the staff wedding coordinator or made to the priest who will preside at your wedding.

***Eucharist*** — The majority of the weddings at St. Michael’s include the celebration of a Eucharist or Lord’s Supper as the first act of the newly married couple, and it is customary that all are invited to share this act of thanksgiving with the newlyweds. If the couple desires a wedding without the Eucharist or desires to have Communion at the rehearsal or another time this is certainly possible.

***Receiving Line*** — Our narthex (front foyer to Dundee Avenue) is not large enough to accommodate receiving lines graciously, and they greatly delay post-ceremony pictures; thereby delaying greatly the time guests are left waiting for the Bride and Groom at the reception which is, after all, being held in their honor, so we ask that you please consider having the receiving line at the reception location.

## Some Things to Consider

**Size of Your Wedding Party** — The beautiful architecture of St. Michael's makes for a wonderful setting for the celebration and blessing of a marriage. However, the space "up front" is limited in its depth placing the congregation and wedding party close together. This is wonderful, but it means the wedding parties which have more than about five women and five men in addition to the bride and groom screen off the view to much of the rest of the congregation.

**Flowers and Decorations** — The Altar Guild arranges the flowers which are to dress the Sanctuary — that is all the space behind the altar rail. Contact the Altar Guild representative to discuss the altar flower arrangement. Many choose to have additional small flowers/sprays (no higher than pew height) at the base of the aisleabra. You will need to make your own arrangements for aisle candelabra flowers with your florist who will need to put them up.

**Aisle Runners** — St. Michael's has a richly colored hard ceramic floor. A runner on this type of floor is as slippery as ice, and therefore we do not allow them.

**Flower Petals** — These (either real or silk) constitute a slipping potential as well as stain on the ceramic floor, and therefore we do not allow them.

**Aisle Candelabras** — We have beautiful aisle candelabras which can be placed at the end of every other center pew. Please let us know if you would like to use them for your wedding. There is no cost associated with this.

**Rice, Birdseed, Confetti, Balloons, Butterflies** — Processed rice is very hard and slippery, and can be harmful to birds when ingested. Birdseed, though friendlier to the birds, is no less slippery and tends to sprout in our flowerbeds. Confetti and other similar materials are difficult to clean up. Releasing balloons or butterflies is also prohibited for environmental/humane reasons. For these reasons we do not allow the use of these materials as couples leave the church.

**Handicap Accessibility** — St. Michael's is handicap accessible at all exterior entrances. There is an interior elevator if necessary. Two sections of pews have been removed to accommodate wheelchairs.



## Music and Weddings at St. Michael's

For longer than we can probably record History, music, in one form or another, has been an important part of the way we mark occasions of great significance. The addition of music can take an elegant service to another level of celebration and spiritual worship. Almost every bride and groom has given thought to the subject of music and the wedding festivities ranging from service to reception. These are important things indeed. We have some things that we ask you to keep in mind when thinking about and making decisions about music for your wedding:

- A Church Wedding is a worship service offered to the glory of God - the declaration of the couple's love for one another is made possible because of God's love for each of us.
- Please keep in mind that music appropriate to such an occasion is often different from that which is appropriate for a social gathering. Music such as love songs, operatic extracts, old favorites and others that have particular and honored sentimental value can heighten the level of celebration most effectively when included at the reception where reference can be made as to its importance. One such piece of music is permitted before the worship service begins. Otherwise we expect that the music chosen will be sacred and reflect a spirit of worship.
- In the Episcopal Church our understanding is that worship is a participatory event for all involved; not a "spectator sport". As you plan the service, including music, we believe that keeping this in mind is important.
- Practical as it may sound, please keep in mind the overall length of the service.
- All music selections are subject to final approval by the officiating clergy.

Contact St. Michael's organist to arrange a meeting for music selection. Your music selections **must be submitted** to the parish office no later than 1 month before the ceremony to allow time for the



## Places for Music in the Service (*in bold*)

### **With Holy Communion:**

**Prelude**

**Opening Procession / Hymn**

*(Exhortation)*

*(Declaration of Consent)*

**Hymn / Solo**

*(The Ministry of the Word)*

**Psalm setting/Hymn between readings**

*(Gospel)*

*(Homily)*

**Response to readings**

*(The Marriage)*

**Hymn / Solo**

*(The Prayers)*

*(The Blessing)*

*(The Peace)*

**Offertory**

*(Prayer of Consecration)*

*(Holy Communion)*

**Hymn of other music during Communion**

*(Post Communion Prayer)*

**Closing Procession**

### **Without Holy Communion:**

**Prelude**

**Opening Procession / Hymn**

*(Exhortation)*

*(Declaration of Consent)*

**Hymn / Solo**

*(The Ministry of the Word)*

**Psalm setting/Hymn between readings**

*(Gospel)*

*(Homily)*

**Response to readings**

*(The Marriage)*

**Hymn / Solo**

*(The Prayers)*

*(The Blessing)*

*(The Peace)*

***(Closing Procession)***

***(Bells)***

## Processional Ideas

*Trumpet Tune* / Henry Purcell  
*Trumpet Voluntary* / Jeremiah Clarke  
*Finale from Water Music* / G.F. Handel  
*Finale from Music for Fireworks* / G.F. Handel  
*Hornpipe from Water Music* / G.F. Handel  
*Trumpet Tune in D* / David N. Johnson  
*Spring from the Four Seasons* / A. Vivaldi  
*Ode to Joy* / L. van Beethoven  
*Prelude from the Te Deum* / M-A Charpentier

*Trumpet Voluntary* / William Boyce  
*Rondeau* / Jean-Joseph Mouret  
*Gavotte from Suite 3* / J.S. Bach  
*Allegro* / William Boyce  
*Wedding March No. 1* / Ernest Bloch  
*Wedding March No. 2* / Ernest Bloch  
*Wedding March No. 3* / Ernest Bloch  
*Partite sopra la Aria della Folia da Spagna*  
/ Bernardo Pasquini

### **Processionals with instruments:**

*Trumpet Voluntary* / Ruth Watson Henderson  
*Heroic Music* / G.P. Telemann  
*Trumpet Voluntary* / John Stanley

## Other Music Ideas

### Hymns:

|         |                                |   |
|---------|--------------------------------|---|
| 48      | <i>Es flog ein kleins W...</i> | O day of radiant gladness                     |
| 174     | <i>Salzburg</i>                | At the Lamb's high feast we sing              |
| 305/306 | <i>Rosedale/Lursum corda</i>   | Come risen Lord, and deign to be our guest    |
| 339     | <i>Schmucke dich</i>           | Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness          |
| 344     | <i>Sicilian Mariners</i>       | Lord dismiss us with thy blessing             |
| 352     | <i>Caithness</i>               | O God, to those who here profess              |
| 353     | <i>Wareham</i>                 | Your love, O God has called us here           |
| 376     | <i>Hymn to Joy</i>             | Joyful, Joyful                                |
| 377/378 | <i>Old 100<sup>th</sup></i>    | All people that on earth do dwell             |
| 379     | <i>Abbot's Leigh</i>           | God is Love, let heaven adore him             |
| 390     | <i>Lobe den Herren</i>         | Praise to the Lord, the almighty              |
| 396/397 | <i>Num Danket alle Gott</i>    | Now Thank we all our God                      |
| 400     | <i>Lasst uns erfreuen</i>      | All creatures of our God and King             |
| 410     | <i>Lauda anima</i>             | Praise my soul the King of Heaven             |
| 433     | <i>Kresmer</i>                 | We gather together of ask the Lord's blessing |
| 448     | <i>Deus tuorum militum</i>     | O love, how deep, how broad, how high         |
| 449     | <i>Deo gracias</i>             | O love, how deep, how broad, how high         |
| 518     | <i>Westminster Abbey</i>       | Christ is made the sure foundation            |
| 556     | <i>Marion</i>                  | Rejoice ye pure in heart                      |
| 594     | <i>Cwm Rhondda</i>             | God of grace and God of glory                 |
| 636/637 | <i>Foundation/Lyons</i>        | How firm a foundation                         |
| 645     | <i>St. Columba</i>             | The King of Love my shepherd is               |
| 647     | <i>Hyfrydol</i>                | Love divine, all loves excelling              |
| 680     | <i>St. Anne</i>                | O God, our help in ages past                  |

### Solos:

*Jesu, joy of Man's Desiring* / J. S. Bach  
*Love Bade me Welcome* / R. Vaughan Williams  
*The Call* / R. Vaughan Williams  
*Panis Angelicus* / C. Franck  
*Ave Venum Corpus* / W. A. Mozart  
*O For the Wings of a Dove* / F. Mendelssohn  
*Sheep may Safely Graze* / J. S. Bach  
 Hymn 350: *O God of Love*  
 Hymn 352: *May the grace of Christ our Savior*



## Wedding Photography

Recording your special day to share with other people and at other times can make it possible to share your day with family and friends who are unable to attend. It can also be a way to share this time with each other for years to come. To help accomplish this we permit pictures and have some guidelines for both still and video photographers. Please review these guidelines with your photographers well before the ceremony.

**Still Photography** — May use supplemental lighting or flash before or after the service, but **never during the service**. Pre-service photography in the church proper must conclude thirty minutes prior to the beginning of the service. For post-service photography no longer than forty-five minutes will be allowed. (Please be aware that if the wedding is scheduled late in the day there may be a weekend worship service following which will shorten the time available for postservice photography.) Still photographers may photograph the opening procession, with flash, from the fourth pew center aisle. Do not step into the aisle or stop those in procession. During the service the photographer must maintain a **fixed** location (either at the back or on the side). Please no moving about during the service.

**Video Photographers** — During the service no supplemental lighting. Also, equipment may be set up either at the back of the church or on the side (we have designated areas). No “dollying” or “trucking” during the service — **maintain your position**.

Please convey these guidelines to your prospective photographers as you are considering their services and/or meet with them at the church so they can see the church space. This will help in choosing the type of photography package you desire and that they can deliver within the church guidelines.

**Note** — Pictures of the wedding party, family and friends are certainly appropriate. Our expectation is that you will not engage in any movements or actions which will draw attention away from worship. After the service concludes the re-staging of moments in the service is allowed. Please do not stage or arrange other shots or use the altar as a “stage prop” or for the placing or resting of equipment.

**Photography by Family and Friends** — We ask brides and grooms to help us in communicating to family members and friends that there are **no pictures during the service**. This includes the use of cell phone cameras.

## The Lessons Appointed for use at the Marriage

One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. If there is to be a Communion, a passage from the Holy Gospel always concludes the Readings.

### **FIRST LESSON (OLD TESTAMENT):**

**Genesis 1:26-28** - Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'

### **Genesis 2:4-9, 15-24**

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die. Then the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner. So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken. Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

**Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7** - My beloved speaks and says to me: Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly scorned.



## **FIRST LESSON (OLD TESTAMENT)...continued:**

**Tobit 8:5b-8** - So she got up, and they began to pray and implore that they might be kept safe. Tobias began by saying, 'Blessed are you, O God of our ancestors, and blessed is your name in all generations for ever. Let the heavens and the whole creation bless you for ever. You made Adam, and for him you made his wife Eve as a helper and support. From the two of them the human race has sprung. You said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; let us make a helper for him like himself." I now am taking this kinswoman of mine, not because of lust, but with sincerity. Grant that she and I may find mercy and that we may grow old together.' And they both said, 'Amen, Amen.'

## **SECOND LESSON (NEW TESTAMENT):**

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13** - If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

**Ephesians 3:14-19** - For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33** - Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind - yes, so that she may

be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. AFor this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.@ This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

## **SECOND LESSON (NEW TESTAMENT)...continued:**

**Colossians 3:12-17** - As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual song to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**1 John 4:7-16** - Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

## **PSALMS:**

### **#67**

- <sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,
- <sup>2</sup> that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity

- and guide the nations upon earth.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.
- <sup>7</sup> May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

## #127

- <sup>1</sup> Unless the Lord builds the house,  
those who build it labour in vain.  
Unless the Lord guards the city,  
the guard keeps watch in vain.
- <sup>2</sup> It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil;  
for he gives sleep to his beloved.
- <sup>3</sup> Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.
- <sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the sons of one's youth.
- <sup>5</sup> Happy is the man who has  
his quiver full of them.  
He shall not be put to shame  
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

## #128

- <sup>1</sup> Happy is everyone who fears the Lord,  
who walks in his ways.
- <sup>2</sup> You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;  
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.
- <sup>3</sup> Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots  
around your table.
- <sup>4</sup> Thus shall the man be blessed  
who fears the Lord.
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord bless you from Zion.  
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.
- <sup>6</sup> May you see your children's children.  
Peace be upon Israel!

## **GOSPEL:**

(if there is to be a Eucharist, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the Readings)

### **Matthew 5:1-10**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

### **Matthew 5:13-16**

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp-stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

### **Matthew 7:21, 24-29**

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord", will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Hearers and Doers 'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!' Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

**GOSPEL...continued:**

**Mark 10:6-9, 13-16**

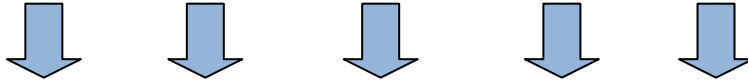
But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate. People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**John 15:9-12**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.



## WHAT YOU MUST BRING TO THE REHEARSAL!



- Marriage License (***we cannot do the service without it!***)
- Fees (separate checks per below)
- Musician—\$350 or per agreement (check made out to musician)
- Choir Director —\$150 Coordination of musicians, \$50 extra for solo (check made out to the director)
- Sexton—\$100 (check made out to Sexton)
- Altar Guild— \$150-200 per agreement (check made out to St. Michael's/Altar Guild)
- Officiating Clergy—amount at the family's discretion
- Any additional fees as agreed upon

### Some Important Bits and Pieces

**Conduct and Decorum** — All participants are to be on-time and in good condition. Rehearsals and weddings at St. Michael's are alcohol, tobacco and drug free. Members of the wedding party will conduct themselves in a manner acceptable to a place of worship. It is the obligation of the bride and groom to make certain that this is made known to the members of the wedding party.

**Parking** — Please respect others and our village ordinances by parking only in designated spaces or on the street and not in fire lanes, unmarked areas or blocking neighboring driveways.

**Cell Phones** — Please remind your guests to turn off their cell phones and put them away before entering the church. Cell phone photographs are not allowed during the service.

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