

Holy Matrimony at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

The Priest and People of Holy Trinity Church consider it an honor and a joy to host your wedding ceremony. We welcome your inquiries into the possibility of having your marriage blessed in the Episcopal Church. We firmly believe that Marriage is a Holy Sacrament; it is a sign of the mystery of the union between Christ and the Church. To facilitate an appropriately beautiful ceremony for you, we have set forth the following guidelines. These are basic guidelines, and specifics need to be discussed with our Priest, Father Bill Adams. You may E-mail him at: priest@holytrinityukiah.org

The following guidelines also apply to same-gender weddings at Holy Trinity Church:

Our beautiful church is located in the Ukiah Valley right in the heart of the beautiful Northern California Redwoods. We offer its use to all couples who wish to be married here under the following conditional guidelines:

- A minimum of 60 days notice must be given to our Priest.
- After you have read the following guidelines, make an appointment with our Priest to set a firm date. At that appointment all the specifics will be arranged and discussed. For couples that live a considerable distance from Ukiah special considerations will be made, but only in consultation with our Priest.
- At least one of the couple to be married must be a baptized Christian.
- The couple will counsel with our Priest. In addition to planning the ceremony, he enjoys getting to know you better and to discuss your future life together. There will be flexibility for couples coming from long distances.
- We are an inclusive church, and are delighted to marry couples that are not members of our church. Holy Trinity, however, is not a Wedding Chapel, but the Church of Jesus Christ! If you are not members of any church, we will ask you to consider why it is you have chosen to have your marriage blessed in the church.
- If both or one of the couple has been married previously and divorced, we will need a copy of the **final decree of dissolution of that marriage**. At least one year should have elapsed between the date on the final decree and the date of your upcoming wedding. The copy of your final decree will remain on file at the church.
- We would also be pleased to host your reception if so desired. We have two halls from which to choose. When you meet with our Priest, you may request a tour of our spacious facilities. Our Church is one of the most beautiful in the diocese and has seating for a Maximum of 100 people with the placement of additional chairs.
- We're sorry, but we do not, under any circumstances, "rent" the church or either of our halls for weddings or receptions when our Priest does not officiate at the ceremony.
- Due to physical limitations, our Priest prefers to officiate at weddings at the church, and normally does not travel to other locations.
- There is no charge for wedding services. Gifts to the church and honorariums for our Priest are traditional, but voluntary.
- There are fees for the use of our facilities for wedding receptions as follows:

\$150.00 for receptions in either of two halls. Talk to our Priest about rules pertaining to alcohol.

\$50 refundable cleaning deposit.

These fees should be submitted to the Church Office prior to the wedding rehearsal.

Use of the kitchen facilities require additional approval.

A certificate of insurance naming Holy Trinity as additionally insured is required for all wedding receptions. Most often, homeowners insurance can provide an additional certificate. If not, we can help you secure this locally. The cost is between \$120 and \$200.

Flowers are a matter that needs to be discussed with the head of our Altar Guild. Every effort will be made to coordinate with your wedding. In no case will flowers be placed on the altar table.

Nothing may be fastened to the pews in the church.

To insure a dignified service, there are guidelines with regard to photography during the ceremony. Discuss this with the Priest at your first meeting.

If you wish to secure the services of our Church Organist, You will need to contact her to schedule her for both the rehearsal and the wedding. Outside musicians are welcome, but use of the organ is subject to the approval of our Church Organist.

All of us at Holy Trinity Church are looking forward to celebrating this most joyous occasion with you!