

# Planning a church wedding

Bells ring  
Entrance / procession / music

Priest – couple - company

Welcome (P)  
Hymn

Text printed in a folder

Prayer (P)  
Reading (R)  
(Responsorial psalm) (O)  
(Second reading) (R)  
(Halleluja) (O)  
Gospel (P)  
Sermon (P)

The couple may sit on chairs  
Wedding bouquet to bridesmaid

## Rite of Marriage

All stand  
All sit

Statement of intentions (P)

The couple stands before the altar/priest  
All stand  
The couple answers

CONSENT

They take one another's right hand and read the text, which the priest holds  
They use both first name and last name  
The priest confirms the consent

Blessing (P) and exchange of rings

The rings are on the altar or the Bestman keeps them

(Light ceremony)

They use only first name

On the altar stand two small burning candles. The couple walks to the altar, takes each little candle, lights the big candle and blows out the small ones.)

Signing of the document / music

All sit. P invites the two witnesses to come forward and sign the document (on a pulpit or on the altar)

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Prayer of the faithful (P / R)

All answer, e.g. "Lord, hear our prayer" (printed in the folder)

Nuptial blessing (P)

The couple is kneeling

Our Father

All pray (printed in the folder?)

Final blessing (P)

Hymn

The bride gets her bouquet

Music

The couple turns round and stands for some moments. Then they walk slowly out (and wait in a chamber)

Priest (P) – Reader (R) – Organist (O)

