Getting Married at Trinity Cathedral

Who may get married at Trinity?

You don’t need to be a member of the Cathedral congregation, or even be an Episcopalian, to have your wedding celebration at Trinity.

That said, being married in a sacred space is different than a wedding at another location, and we hope that couples who come to the Cathedral seeking God’s blessing on their marriage will be open to a discussion of the spiritual nature of their relationship. The canon law of the Episcopal Church does require that at least one member of the couple has been baptized.

Trinity is an LGBTQ+-affirming congregation and does not discriminate based on sex or gender expression.

What is your pricing? What does my rental include?

Weddings start at $2,500 for weddings in the chapel and $3,000 for weddings in the cathedral.

Your wedding fee includes:

- Two hours of access for the rehearsal
- Six hours of access for the ceremony
- Two get-ready rooms for dressing
- One lavalier and one hand-held microphone
- Pipe organist/pianist, if desired
- Access to the courtyard and cathedral exterior for photography
- One sexton (set-up specialist) and one day-of coordinator
- Clergy officiant
- Use of Trinity’s parking lots for the duration of your rental
- Premarital preparation/counseling (see below)

Some of the additional amenities and services available at additional cost include a vocal or instrumental soloist/ensemble, flower guild to handle the flowers, additional clergy members, in-house catering, and calligraphy.

What are your wedding ceremony options?

We have two main options for your wedding ceremony:

**Cathedral:** With stained glass windows, vaulted ceilings, and wood paneling surround the focal point of the altar and brass pipe organ, the Sanctuary is a spectacular venue for your fairytale wedding.
• Capacity: 748 in pews
• Optional: 60 additional chairs behind last pew for 808 total capacity
• Baby grand piano, tuned at least twice a year
• Rosales pipe organ, Op. 11

**Chapel:** An intimate space with wood paneling, stained glass windows, and a carved wood altar, the chapel is a beautiful location for smaller weddings and family services.

• Capacity: 120
• Two-manual pipe organ

In addition to these spaces, the courtyard is available for outdoor ceremonies.

**Courtyard:** Spring-blooming trees and plants surround a cement pathway that leads up to the cathedral gates. The grass courtyard is a wonderful area for summer outdoor weddings.

• Capacity: 125 seated*, 200 standing
  o Outdoor chair rental is required for seated outdoor ceremonies.
• Grass area is 1,710 SF, with additional 16’ on curved sidewalk & border
• The courtyard is enclosed by the cathedral building and gates, creating a peaceful and intimate atmosphere.

**What are your get-ready rooms like?**

**Morrison Room:** The natural light, calm environment, and spaciousness of the Morrison Room makes it perfect for wedding preparations.

• 1,092 SF
• Chairs, tables, clothing racks and mirrors provided.

**Stearns Library:** A warm antique room lined with bookshelves, antique furniture, and artwork makes for a cozy space for wedding preparations.

• 570 SF
• Antique table, chairs, clothing racks and mirror provided.

*Dependent on availability; other rooms may be substituted.

**When can weddings be scheduled?**

Weddings are most often scheduled on Fridays & Saturdays, but they may be scheduled any day Monday-Saturday, subject to the availability.

Weddings are not generally scheduled on Sundays, during Lent or Holy Week, or during most of the month of December. If you have questions about a specific date, though, don’t hesitate to contact us!
Who may officiate?

In general, clergy on the Cathedral staff or other Episcopal priests generally officiate at weddings at the Cathedral. Clergy of other denominations, including those of other faith traditions, may assist the Episcopal priest, and may be permitted to officiate with prior approval from the Dean.

What order of services and texts are used?

Weddings in the Cathedral generally use the order provided in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, or the newly-approved “Witnessing and Blessing” rite that includes more expansive language.

Readings should be chosen in consultation with the officiating priest; generally, at least one of the readings is from the Bible, but other readings may be chosen as well.

Do you require pre-marital counseling?

Several sessions of preparatory counseling are required of all couples, either with a priest (generally the officiant) or with a professional pre-marital counselor of your choosing, such as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), Certified Marriage and Family Therapist (CMFT) or Marriage & Family Therapist (MFT).

What kinds of music can we use?

It is our policy that one of Trinity’s organists play for all weddings when music is desired, unless otherwise approved by the Canon for Cathedral Music. Only sacred music is usually performed; popular music in the form of secular love songs or romantic ballads are generally not suitable for worship services. Hymns may be sung during the service by the congregation. All music performed is subject to the approval of the organist and clergy, and our organists are happy to suggest many beautiful and appropriate pieces to complement the joyous nature of the wedding liturgy!

Vocal and instrumental soloists or ensembles may provide music with permission of the Canon for Cathedral Music. We are happy to help you arrange for soloists or ensembles; for more information, please consult the Wedding Handbook.

What florist can we use?

In-house floral arranging may be arranged; please let us know if you’d like more information. External florists are also permitted, subject to the guidelines in the Wedding Handbook.

What are the guidelines for photography/videotaping?

These are permitted within specified guidelines. No flash photographs may be taken during the service by anyone. We will let you know in advance where video cameras and photographers may be located.
Do you offer reception spaces or catering?

Yes! We have three possible indoor reception spaces:

- Our beautiful large space Kempton Hall, for larger groups of up to 220 seated and 400 standing. Kempton Hall starts at $600 for a 4-hour rental (additional time: $150/hr).
- The Morrison Room, for mid-sized receptions of up to 60 seated or approximately 75 standing. Morrison starts at $200 for a 2-hour rental (additional time: $96/hr).
- Stearns Library, for intimate gatherings of up to 20 seated and 35 standing. Use of Stearns Library starts at $66/hr.

We offer in-house catering by Chef Jennifer Wiant of Jennifer Wiant Catering. You can learn more about her services and find sample menus here.

We also accept outside caterers; use of our industrial kitchen by outside vendors is $90/hour.