



St Michael's

Suggested Wedding Order of Service

The Bridegroom and his attendants will arrive at the church 15 minutes before the ceremony and they will wait in the rear vestry.

The Bride will arrive at the Collins Street Upper Door, and remain in the vestibule until the Minister comes to meet her.

The Minister will lead the bridal procession into the Church. When all are in place at the Chancel steps the Minister will speak words of welcome.

Words of Welcome

The Purpose of the Event

Minister: St Michael's Uniting Church welcomes you all here for this important ceremony. A and B are here to be married, and we are all here to witness this event and to wish them every possible happiness in their relationship and for their future life together.

Minister: A and B have chosen to be married in this sacred place.
In doing so, they give to the day and their marriage a special significance. They also come here for a blessing that the God of all life, the God who is the source of all joy in our celebration and the source of all strength in our stressful times, will bless them as they carry their hopes from this place today.

A Hymn May Be Sung Here

Here Some Readings May Be Read:

The Presiding Minister will discuss appropriate reading with the couple.

The Wedding Covenant

Minister: A, will you take B to be your wife and will you do all you can to make your relationship a continually enriching experience for you both?
If so will you answer, "I will."

A: I will

Minister: B, will you take A to be your husband and will you do all you can to make your relationship a continually enriching experience for you both?
If so will you answer, "I will."

B: I will

Minister: Give each other the right hand

Minister: A (say after me)
I, A, take you B, to be my wife; and before God and all gathered here, I give you my best commitment to be a loving, supportive and caring husband to you.
This is my promise.
This is my pledge.
May God help me keep to this commitment
I make to you today.

Minister: B (say after me)
I, B take you A, to be my husband; and before God and all gathered here, I give you my best commitment to be a loving, supportive and caring wife to you.
This is my promise.
This is my pledge.
May God help me keep to this commitment
I make to you today.

The Rings are Received

A Prayer May be Said

One by One the Rings are Given with these Words:

This Ring is the symbol of the
commitment we make to each other today.

The Couple Kneel for the Prayer and the Blessing.

The Proclamation of the Marriage

Minister: Here today these two people A and B have joined together in marriage; and I now declare them to be husband and wife.

(Applause may be invited)

A Brief Exhortation May Be Given by the Minister.

A Hymn May be Sung

The Signing of the Register

At the conclusion of the Signing, the Minister will lead the bridal party up the main aisle and towards Collins Street Lower Door.