

# *Weddings at Trinity Episcopal Church*

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The granite of  
Maine's shore.



*We will do all  
we can to help  
make your  
wedding  
ceremony an  
occasion of  
great joy.*

The many blues  
of Maine's sky.

The warmth of  
Maine's woods.



These elements all combine at Trinity to create  
a stunning church for a wedding- perhaps  
your wedding!

*580 Forest Avenue  
Portland, Maine*

### I Corinthians 13:4-13

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears.

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is love.*



### *An Apache Blessing*

Now you will feel no rain,  
for each of you will be shelter for the other.

Now you will feel no cold,  
for each of you will be warmth to the other.

Now there will be no loneliness,  
for each of you will be a companion to the other.

Now you are two persons,  
but there is only one life before you.

May beauty surround you both in the  
journey ahead and through all the years.

May happiness be your companion and  
your days together be good and long upon the earth.

Treat yourselves and each other with respect, and  
remind yourselves often of what brought you together.

Give the highest priority to the tenderness,  
gentleness and kindness that your connection deserves.

When frustration, difficulties and fear assail your relationship, as  
they threaten all relationships at one time or another,  
remember to focus on what is right between you,  
not only the part which seems wrong.

In this way, you can ride out the storms when  
clouds hide the face of the sun in your lives -  
remembering that even if you lose sight  
of it for a moment, the sun is still there.

And if each of you takes responsibility for  
the quality of your life together,  
it will be marked by abundance and delight.



FEES TO TRINITY CHURCH

Active church members with a current pledge .....\$ 0.00  
Non-members and inactive members ..... \$400.00  
(Including adult children of parishioners.)

FEES TO CLERGY

Active church members with a current pledge .....\$ 0.00  
(Members are encouraged to make a special offering  
to the Clergy’s Discretionary Fund for charitable missions)

Non-members and inactive members ..... \$300.00  
(Including adult children of parishioners)

FEES TO WEDDING SECRETARY

All weddings require this fee..... \$100.00

FEES TO THE ORGANIST

All weddings where the organ or piano are  
played are required to pay this fee ..... \$200.00

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HOW TO BOOK YOUR WEDDING

Contact the Wedding Secretary, Beth Johns, at 233-7463.

Once your date is confirmed, send a check for \$100.00 made out to Trinity Church in care of Wedding Secretary. This is a non-refundable deposit.

Within two weeks you should receive a written confirmation of your date with the name and contact details of both the Officiating Clergy and the Organist.

Within two months of your date, you must contact the Clergy and the Organist.

All checks for your wedding MUST be into the church office two weeks prior to your rehearsal date.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

*It is the couple’s responsibility to secure a Marriage License from their town office and bring it to the church on or before the wedding rehearsal.*

RECEPTIONS AT TRINITY CHURCH

Lincoln Hall at Trinity Church is available for receptions. Please call the Wedding Secretary for information.

*“Christian Marriage is a solemn and public covenant between a man and a woman in the presence of God.”*

*from the Book of Common Prayer*

### THE CLERGY

It is expected that the clergy at Trinity Episcopal will conduct the wedding ceremony. All aspects of the wedding service ultimately fall under their jurisdiction.

In the Episcopal Church, it is required that one of the two persons getting married be a practicing Christian, including regular attendance and participation in a community of faith.

Pre-marital counseling is required– generally three sessions are needed to do the planning to insure a joyous and meaningful ceremony.

The liturgy (service) for “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage” is found in the Book of Common Prayer. The Holy Eucharist (Communion) is generally considered to be a part of the wedding service for active Episcopalians.

Rehearsals are conducted by the Clergy and are generally the evening before the ceremony. Please allow one hour for the rehearsal with the wedding couple and wedding participants present.

### THE MUSIC

A wedding is a sacred service and the music must be appropriate. The Trinity Organist normally plays at all weddings. The Organist should be contacted regarding the wedding date and music selection requests well in advance as all music for the wedding service must be approved in advance by the Organist. The Organist’s fee covers one consultation and the service.

### THE SANCTUARY

The Sanctuary seats 400. The Chapel seats 28. The Sanctuary or Chapel is available for use for a total of 3 hours (one hour prior to the wedding, the wedding itself (approximately 30-45 minutes in length) and one hour after the wedding.

### DECORATIONS

You may place flowers in appropriate places in the Chancel area and on the altar. Please advise the Wedding Secretary if you wish to leave your flowers on the altar for the Sunday service. If you wish to use an aisle runner or candelabra, please contact your florist.

A few guidelines:

1. No nails, tacks, staples or tape may be used to attach decorations to the pews, walls, furniture or floors.
2. All decorations must be removed immediately following the wedding.
3. We do not allow any material, including flower petals and birdseed, to be dropped anywhere on church property.
4. Seasonal decorations placed in the Sanctuary may not be removed.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographs are an important remembrance of your wedding, but photographers must take care not to disrupt the ceremony.

No flash photography is allowed except during the processional and recessional.

A videographer may use a fixed position in the balcony.

### WEDDING SECRETARY

The Wedding Secretary will be your main point of contact regarding your wedding. You would contact the Wedding Secretary for any questions about booking the wedding and all fees for your wedding will be sent to the Church Office in her care. The Wedding Secretary’s services include attendance at the rehearsal and wedding.

### GENERAL POLICIES

- Please remember that no food or beverages are permitted in the Sanctuary or Chapel.
- Smoking is not permitted anywhere on church property.
- The use of alcohol is not permitted anywhere on church property.  
*The only exception is if Lincoln Hall has been reserved for your reception and then alcohol is only permitted in this room during the actual time of the rental.*