

Wedding Ceremony Guidelines

Typical ceremonies last one hour, including guest arrival, ceremony and postlude. This guide applies to most ceremonies, but I am happy to work with you to accomplish specific goals. Suggested music is listed.

Prelude

Guest arrivals start approximately thirty minutes prior to the ceremony start time.
Classical, romantic ballades, and easy listening.

Honored Seating

Grandparents, parents, or honoured guests are escorted down the aisle and seated in the front rows.
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, J.S. Bach / Pavane, Wachs

Lighting of the Candles

Mothers will often light the candles placed on both sides of the Unity Candle (if applicable)

Entrance of Bridal Party

Minister, Groom and Groomsman take their places. Attendants, flowergirl, and ringbearer walk aisle.
Canon in D, J. Pachelbel

Bridal Processional

Bride walks down the aisle.
Bridal Chorus, Wagner / Trumpet Voluntary, J. Clarke / Canon in D, Pachelbel

Unity Candle

Bride and Groom light the unity candle.
Soft background music, a love song, or religious selection: The Lord's Prayer / Ave Maria.

Rose Ceremony

Bride and Groom share special moment with parents by the giving of roses.
Same music suggestions as above.

Recessional

Bride and Groom are introduced. Recessional begins, followed by the bridal party and parents.
Wedding March, Mendelssohn / Ode to Joy, Beethoven / Spring's Allegretto, Vivaldi

Postlude

Guests exit the ceremony location and proceed to the cocktail hour or reception. Upbeat selections.