

# Religious wedding ceremony

**Date:** July 23, 2026

## Timeline

### **14:00 – 14:30 Guest Arrival and Prelude Music**

Guests arrive at the sanctuary and are escorted to their seats by ushers while classical organ and string prelude music plays.

*Location: Grace Cathedral Sanctuary*

### **14:30 – 14:45 Grand Processional**

The officiant, groom, wedding party, and bride walk down the aisle accompanied by traditional processional hymns.

*Location: Sanctuary Aisle*

### **14:45 – 14:55 Call to Worship and Opening Prayer**

The officiant welcomes the congregation and leads an opening invocation prayer blessing the sacred union.

*Location: Main Altar*

### **14:55 – 15:15 Sacred Readings and Homily**

Designated family members share chosen religious scriptures, followed by a brief message from the officiant on love and commitment.

*Location: Main Altar*

### **15:15 – 15:25 Exchange of Sacred Vows**

The couple recites their traditional religious vows, promising lifelong fidelity and devotion before God and the congregation.

*Location: Main Altar*

### **15:25 – 15:35 Blessing and Exchange of Rings**

The officiant blesses the wedding bands before the couple exchanges them as symbolic tokens of their eternal pledge.

*Location: Main Altar*

### **15:35 – 15:50 Cultural Unity Rituals and Prayer**

The couple participates in traditional cultural customs such as lighting a unity candle and receiving a ceremonial veil and cord blessing.

*Location: Main Altar*

### **15:50 – 15:55 Pronouncement and First Kiss**

The officiant officially declares the couple married, followed by their joyful first kiss as husband and wife.

*Location: Main Altar*

**15:55 – 16:05    Recessional**

The newly married couple and bridal party exit the sanctuary to triumphant celebratory music.

*Location: Sanctuary Aisle*

**16:05 – 16:45    Formal Altar Portraits**

The couple, family members, and wedding party gather at the altar for official portraits with the photographer.

*Location: Main Altar*

**16:45 – 17:15    Receiving Line and Courtyard Greeting**

The couple greets guests as they step outside into the courtyard, receiving congratulations and blessings.

*Location: Cathedral Courtyard*

**17:15 – 17:30    Departure to Reception**

The newlyweds and guests depart the cathedral steps to head toward the evening reception venue.

*Location: Cathedral Steps*