

12. The Bride and the Bride's Father march down the aisle of the church together, with the Bride holding on to the Father's left arm.

The Bride and the Bride's Father usually don't start to march down the aisle until the other members of the wedding party have taken their positions at the front of the church. Then the Instrumentalist makes a definite break in the music by increasing the volume to indicate to the wedding guests that the Bride is about to start her march down the aisle.

13. When the Bride and the Bride's Father reach the front of the church and take their positions, the other members of the wedding party turn inward (as the Bride and the Bride's Father take their positions) and face the Pastor.

The members of the wedding party should form a semicircle at this time.

14. The Bride's Father stands between and slightly behind the Bride and Groom.

15. The Pastor addresses the following words to the wedding guests:

"Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted by God, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and His Church: which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence and first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of Saint Paul to be honourable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly: but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace."

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NOTE: It is best to omit the last sentence.

16. The Pastor gives the following charge to the Bride and Groom:

"I require and charge you both, as ye will answer at the (Judgment Seat of Christ) when the secrets of all hearts (of believers) shall be disclosed, that if either of you knows any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well-assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful."

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NOTE: If the Bride and Groom are unbelievers, the first part