

Ceremony Timeline

Below is an example of a typical Wedding Ceremony timeline. Although it varies from ceremony to ceremony, it should give the idea of the typical order of events.

- Ushers seat guests (optional)
- Unplugged ceremony announcement (optional)
- Grandparents and Mother's are seated (optional- Groom escorts)
- Mother of the Groom is seated (optional- Groom escorts)
- Mother of the Bride is seated (optional- Groom escorts)
- Officiant and Groom enter
- Processional music begins
- Bridal Party enters
- Ring Bearer/Flower Girl enters
- Music changes for the Bride's entrance
- Officiant asks the guests to rise and welcome the Bride
- The Bride is escorted down the aisle
- Bridal music concludes
- Bride meets the Groom at the altar
- Officiant asks the guests to be seated
- Officiant welcomes guests
- Prayer (optional)
- Officiant shares couple's love story (optional)
- Officiant shares 1st reading or commentary on marriage
- Couple shares personal vows (optional)
- Exchange of Vows/I Do's
- Ring Blessing

- Exchange of rings
- Unity Ceremony (optional to include sand, unity candle, wine box, etc.)
- Officiant's final words/blessing
- Pronouncement of Marriage
- Introduction of the newly married couple to the guests
- Recessional music begins
- Bride and Groom Exit
- Bridal Party Exits
- Announcement (optional ie. you are dismissed to enjoy cocktail hour)