

# WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

## TRINITY PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SEATTLE

Our goal for every wedding conducted at Trinity is to provide an experience worthy of the holiness of the sacrament of marriage and the dignity of the couple entering into this sacred relationship. A marriage service is certainly a celebration and a joyous occasion. But, like any service of worship, it should be thought of as an encounter with the holy – not just a program, or an event, or certainly not just a party.

In keeping with this, we ask that couple select photographers who are willing to abide by some fairly strict guidelines regarding photography, and that photographers be asked to agree to these guidelines in advance by signing the statement below. Those guidelines include:

1. No flash photography is permitted during the service.
2. Photographers may not be in the center aisle during the procession or at any other time during the service. They may take a photo of the bride or the couple and any escorts at the back of the church prior to entering the center aisle.
3. Photographers are required to remain in the back of the church behind all people in the congregation throughout the service.
4. Mechanical camera noises loud enough to create a distraction are not permitted.
5. Photographers are encouraged to come early enough, or to arrange a visit to the church on a separate day ahead of the wedding, to gauge the light conditions and physical setting.
6. The same conditions apply to videography.
7. Either before the service or after, the wedding couple may choose to have pictures taken in the church by the photographer. The above restrictions do not apply during those times. If taken before the service, we ask that photography be completed within one-half hour before the start of the service. Pictures may also be taken in the Memorial Garden area in the courtyard between the church and the Parish Hall, weather permitting.
8. Photographers who do not abide by these guidelines will not be permitted to photograph weddings at Trinity in the future.
9. Any questions about the policy should be addressed to the presiding member of the clergy ahead of the service, preferably before the day of the wedding.
10. Photographers are asked to check in with the clergy upon their arrival the day of the service.

I have read and agree to these guidelines:

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Signed

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Name (printed)