



Wedding Day Timeline

Ushers seat the guests (Prelude playing)
Special music begins
Mothers/parents/VIPs enter and light candelabras
Parents of the Bride and Groom are seated
The Minister and Groom enter and proceed to the front
The Bridal party enters and proceeds to the front
The Ring Bearer and/or Flower Girl enter, proceed to front, sit down
Music concludes for bridal party
Ushers unroll the aisle runner
The Minister asks the audience to rise and welcome the Bride
Music begins for the Bride's entrance (Processional music)
The Bride and her escort enter, and are met by the Groom
Bride's music concludes.
Opening commentary
Bride and Groom light "family candles" to represent their families
Bride and Groom present flowers to parents and/or VIPs
"Declarations Of Intent" by Bride and Groom
First reading (religious or romantic literature)
Musical interlude (solo, etc.)
Second reading
Special music (musical interlude, or musical and vocal performance)
Exchange of wedding vows (traditional or customized)
Blessing of the rings
Exchange of wedding rings (traditional or customized)
Audience recites Lord's Prayer (Roman Catholic or Protestant version)
Minister's prayer of blessing for the Bride and Groom
Bride and Groom light Unity Candle (music in background)
Final commentary
Bride and Groom kiss
Introduction of the new couple by the Minister
Recessional music begins
Bride and Groom exit
Minister's instructions to the audience.
Wedding party arrives and are announced to guests
Wedding party is seated at head table
Champagne Toast
Meal beginning with the wedding party, then guests
After meal, Bride & Groom mingle, greet and thank guests for coming
Cutting of cake, serving of cake
Bride & Groom's first dance as husband and wife
Father/Daughter dance
D.J. finishes off evening
Bouquet toss
Garter toss
Dollar dance