



If you are planning a wedding at Island ECC and/or would like one of the Island ECC pastors to officiate at your wedding, please note the following:

Premarital Counselling and Ceremony Pastor

We highly encourage all couples to go through a premarital counselling program if you are planning to get married. If you are planning to request one of Island ECC's pastors to be your ceremony pastor, then it is required that you go through Island ECC's premarital counselling programme.

In addition, if the wedding is outside Hong Kong, the costs of international and local travel, and accommodation and meals should all be met for the pastor.

Island ECC Facilities

Our facilities are available for hire primarily for wedding ceremonies of the church family.

If you would like to hire the Island ECC facilities, we offer the following wedding package at a cost of HK\$12,800 to include:

- 1/F 4 hour hire on Wedding Day (inclusive of set-up and take down)
- 1/F 1.5 hour hire for Rehearsal
- Utilities on Wedding Day (Electricity, Projector, Sound System)
- 2 Sound Technicians on Wedding Day
- 1 Sound Technician for Rehearsal
- Bride's Room

Additional hours are charged at \$2,600/hr.

There is no air-con supply after 7pm, extra air-con supply is at a cost of \$400/hour on weekdays and \$800/hour on Saturday.

Providing music/worship team for a wedding is not part of our worship team's responsibilities so for any request regarding this, please contact them directly to enquire about a separate arrangement.

To book the venue please enquire here: venue@islandecc.hk

Marriage Registration

Island ECC is not able to perform the legal registration of a marriage. Please take care of this separately through a marriage registry office, a licensed place of worship or by employing the services of a Civil Celebrant of Marriages. A list of those who we recommend and have worked well with in the past is available upon request. Further information can be found at: <http://www.gov.hk/en/residents/immigration/bdmreg/>

Wedding Rehearsal

If an Island ECC pastor is conducting your wedding ceremony, please talk to him in advance to arrange the rehearsal date and time to avoid any scheduling conflict and to ensure the flow of the ceremony will be smooth.

Order of Service

An order of service provides a programme for wedding guests. We carry some samples of these in the Island ECC office which you are welcome to view. There are no particular requirements for the order of service but this may include the following elements:

- names of the couple
- wedding date
- time

- location
- processional music
- greeting
- prayer
- other music / hymns
- scripture readings
- message
- prayer
- exchange of vows and rings/pronouncement of marriage
- recessional music
- list of members of the bridal party
- thank you's
- directions to the reception etc.

There are other items which can be included, e.g. unity candle, communion, solos, poetry reading.

Wedding Vows

A sample of traditional wording for wedding vows

Declaration of Intent

_____/ will you you take this woman/man to be your wedded wife/husband, to live together according to the intention of God for your lives together in Christ?

Do you promise to love her/him, honour him/her, care for him/her, staying true to only him/her, as long as you both shall live?

“I Do”

Exchange of Vows

“I _____, take you _____ to be my wedded wife/husband. To have and to hold, from this day forward for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer In sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until death do us part.”

Exchange of Rings

“As this ring has no end, neither does my love for you. With this ring, I thee wed.

Wedding Scriptures

1 Corinthians 13:4-8,13

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Ruth 1:16-17

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ephesians 5:21-32

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Saviour. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his

wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Genesis 2:20-25

So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Colossians 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Wedding Music

A selection of songs used in recent weddings by members at Island ECC:

Prelude

Ave Maria, J.S. Bach / You Raise Me Up / Cello Suite No.1 Prelude, J.S. Bach / Cantata No.208, Sheep May Safely Graze (Panis Angelicus), J.S. Bach / Cantata No.147, Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring, J.S. Bach / Melody in F, Anton Rubinstein / Close to Thee, Silas J. Vail / Near to the Heart of God, Cleland B. McAfee / As the Deer, Martin Nystrom

Processional Songs

Wedding March, from Lohengrin, R. Wagner / How Beautiful, Twila Paris / Canon in D, Johann Pachelbel / Charpentier, Te Deum / Give Thanks, Andrew Mole / Beautiful One / Spring, The Four Seasons, Vivaldi / Sound of Music Wedding March, Rogers and Hammerstein

Recessional

Wedding March, F. Mendelssohn / When You Believe / The Prince of Denmark's March,
Clarke / Respighi – Ancient Airs & Dances / Holy is the Lord, Chris Tomlin / Arrival of the
Queen of Sheba, Handel / I Say a Little Prayer for You / Your Love is Amazing