

55. The Reception Line forms at the rear of the church.

A suggested order for the Reception Line is as follows:

- a. Bride's Mother
- b. Groom's Mother
- c. Bride's Father
- d. Groom's Father
- e. Bride
- f. Groom
- g. Maid of Honor
- h. Best Man
- i. Bridesmaids

56. Two Ushers march to the front of the church and dismiss the rest of the family and the wedding guests row by row.

These should be the same Ushers that lit the candles (if used), unwound the ribbons or cords (if used), and unrolled the runner at the beginning of the Service.

57. The Pastor retires from his position at the front of the church.

The Pastor should wait until the two Ushers reach the front of the church and start to dismiss the rest of the family and the wedding guests before retiring from his position.

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NOTE: This is the Protestant Episcopal Marriage Service taken from the 1928 edition of THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER. I have altered parts of this service and have added some things to it.

#### H. Photographs

The Pastor should request the Photographer not to take any pictures during the Marriage Service except as the wedding party marches to or from the front of the church. The Pastor should request the Photographer to take all the other pictures after the Marriage Service, and the Pastor should give the Photographer his fullest cooperation at that time.

#### I. Reception

The Pastor is frequently asked to give thanks for the refreshments at the Reception. However, if the Groom's Pastor is present, he is usually asked to do it.

#### J. Bibliography

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