

## Tips And Suggestions

- When beginning the processional make sure the musicians are ready.
- Allow there to be a slight pause in music between each piece of the processional in order to allow the guests to follow the flow.
- Make sure there is a definite musical pause before the bride enters in order that the guests will stand for her entrance.
- The length of a ceremony is difficult to determine, but remember that people have taken the time to travel and experience this day with you. An average ceremony is 25-30 min long. Within a ceremony there can be readings, poems, or short selections of music. These can be all personalized to reflect the spirit of your day.

If you are planning an outdoor wedding always have an alternate plan in case of bad weather, but even if the weather is beautiful, take into account wind, sun and terrain.

- The Wind can complicate things if you are planning on lighting a candle, using a microphone, or having an officiant that speaks softly.
- The Sun can be very strong therefor providing water, sunscreen and umbrellas make it much more comfortable for guests.
- The Terrain at times is difficult to negotiate for guests that wear heels, guests that have difficulty walking or older guests. If these guests are part of the processional shortening the aisle in which they are to walk may help.
- No matter how well planned a wedding is, things may not go as expected; young flower girls may decided to exit before reaching their final destination, people giving readings may find it difficult to suddenly read, rings may not slip on easily, vows may be stuttered or confused, these are all examples of how a ceremony becomes your ceremony!

**The most important thing to remember is breath, smile and enjoy!**