

MARRIAGE SERVICE

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: Let us pray.

Eternal God, Father of mankind, as You gladdened the wedding at Cana in Gallilee by the presence of Your Son, so by His presence now make the occasion of the wedding one of rejoicing. In Your favor look upon _____ and _____, about to be joined in marriage, and grant that they, rejoicing in all your gifts, may at length celebrate with Christ the Bridegroom the marriage feast which has no end, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

(MUSIC?)

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

(MUSIC?)

THE SERMON

(MUSIC?)

THE MARRIAGE COVENANT

P: _____ and _____, if it is your intention to share with each other your joys and your sorrows and all that the years will bring, with your promises bind yourselves to each other as husband and wife.

The couple faces one another and joins hands.

Groom/Bride: I take you _____, to be my wife (husband) from this day forward, to join with you and share all that is to come, and, with the help of God, I promise to be faithful to you as He gives us life together.

Or they can say

_____, I take you to be my wife (husband) from this time onward, to join with you and to share all that is to come, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond, and in all circumstances of our life together, to be loyal to you with my whole life and with all my being.

Or

I take you, _____, to be my wife (husband). I promise before God and these witnesses to be your faithful wife (husband), to share with you in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, to forgive and strengthen you and to join with you so that together we may serve God and others as long as we both live.

Or

I take you, _____, to be my wife (husband), and these things I promise you:
I will be faithful to you and honest with you; I will respect, trust, help, and care for you; I will share my life with you; I will forgive you as we have been forgiven; and I will try with you to better understand ourselves, the world, and God, through the best and the worst of what is to come as long as we live.

The couple exchange rings with these words.

Groom/Bride: I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

The pastor places his hand over the joined hands of the Bride and Groom.

P: _____ and _____, by their promises before God and in the presence of this congregation, have bound themselves to one another as husband and wife. Blessed be the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

_____ and _____, have been joined by the love of God the Father in the life of the Spirit of Christ. What therefore God has joined together let no one put asunder.

The couple kneels.

P: The Lord God, Who created our first parents and established them in marriage, establish and sustain you, that you may find delight in each other and grow in holy love until your life's end.

The unity candle may be lit at this time.

(MUSIC?)

Stand

P: Let us bless God for all the gifts in which we rejoice today.

Lord God, constant in mercy, great in faithfulness: With high praise we recall Your acts of unfailing love for the human family, for the house of Israel, and for Your people the Church. We bless You for the joy which Your servants, _____ and _____, have found in each other, and pray that You give to us such a sense of Your constant love that we may employ all our strength in a life of praise of You, whose work alone holds true and endures forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or

Let us pray for _____ and _____ in their life together.

Faithful Lord, source of love, pour down Your grace upon _____ and _____, that they may fulfill the vows they have made this day and reflect Your steadfast love in their life-long faithfulness to each other. As members with them of the body of Christ, use us to support their life together; and from Your great store of strength give them power and patience, affection and understanding, courage, and love toward You, toward each other, and toward the world, that they may continue together in mutual growth according to Your will in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or

Let us pray for all families throughout the world.

Gracious Father, You bless the family and renew Your people. Enrich husbands and wives, parents and children more and more with Your grace, that, strengthening and supporting each other, they may serve those in need and be a sign of the fulfillment of Your perfect Kingdom, where, with Your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, You live and reign, one God through all ages of ages. Amen.

ALL: The Lord's Prayer

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL

THE POSTLUDE