

Marriage

Prelude

Gathering

Processional

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Declaration of Intention

P: *Name* and *name* have come to make their marriage vows in the presence of God and of this assembly. The uniting of this man and this woman in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy, for the help and comfort they give one another in prosperity and adversity, and that their love may be a blessing to all whom they encounter.

Let us now witness their promises to each other and surround them with our prayers, giving thanks to God for the gift of marriage and asking God's blessing upon them, that they may be strengthened for their life together and nurtured in the love of God.

Declaration Address

P: Will all of you, by God's grace, uphold and care for *name* and *name* in their life together?

All: We will.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people. Enrich *name* and *name* with every good gift, that their life together may show forth your love; and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with Christ the marriage feast that has no end; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Word

Readings

Sermon

Marriage

Vows

P: *Name* and *name* I invite you to declare your vows to one another.

1) I take you, *name*, to be my *wife/husband* from this day forward, to join with you and share all that is to come, and I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us.

OR

2) In the presence of God and this community, I, *name*, take you, *name*, to be my *wife/husband*; to have and to hold from this day forward, in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

Giving of Rings

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God of grace, for your love and faithfulness to your people. May these rings be symbols of the promise *name* and *name* have made with each other; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

1) *Name*, I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

OR

2) *Name*, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow. With all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

OR

3) *Name*, just as this ring is a circle of love, let it be a sign of my never-ending love for you.

Acclamation

P: *Name* and *name*, by their promises before God and in the presence of this assembly, have joined themselves to one another as husband and wife. Those whom God has joined together let no one separate.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

Unity Candle—Good to have some type of music here

Marriage Blessing

1) P: Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to endure the cross for our sake, that we may have abundance of life.

By the power of your Holy Spirit pour out the abundance of your blessing on *name* and *name*. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let your love be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads.

Bless them so that their lives together may bear witness to your love. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death.

Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that table where your saints feast forever in your heavenly home, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

OR

2) 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.

All: Amen.

Prayers

P: On this day of rejoicing, let us bless God for divine love made flesh in Jesus Christ.

P: We praise you, O God, for the joy that *name* and *name* have found in each other, and we pray that their love and faithfulness may reflect your gracious love and enrich our common life. Gracious and faithful God,

All: hear our prayer.

P: Give them gentleness and patience, affection and understanding, readiness to trust one another, and, when they hurt each other, grace to acknowledge their fault and to give and receive forgiveness. Gracious and faithful God,

All: hear our prayer.

P: Use us to support *name* and *name* in their lives together. Give us such a sense of your constant love that we may employ all our strength in a life of praise of you. Gracious and faithful God,

All: hear our prayer.

P: Look graciously on the world you have made and for which your Son gave his life. Strengthen marriages, families, and communities everywhere. Defend and guide all who suffer want or anxiety. Gracious and faithful God,

All: hear our prayer.

P: Creator of all, you make us in your image and likeness and fill us with everlasting life. Grant to *Name* and

Name grace to live in unity and joy all the days of their lives. Gracious and faithful God,

All: hear our prayer.

P: Most gracious God, you have made us in your image and given us over to one another's care. Hear the prayers of your people, that unity may overcome division, hope vanquish despair, and joy conquer sorrow; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

1) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

OR

2) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

1) P: The blessed and holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace, now and forever.

All: Amen.

OR

2) P: God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Introduction of the Couple

P: I am proud to introduce Mr.& Mrs _____ OR _____

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional

Postlude

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