

A CHRISTIAN WEDDING SERVICE

Min.: You may be seated.

Friends, we welcome you, being gathered here together in the presence of God to witness the marriage of Groom and Bride. Marriage is sacred, being instituted by God at the creation of the world, before man fell into sin, when “the Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.’” God himself performed the first marriage ceremony, giving Eve to Adam to be his wife and one flesh with himself. Our Lord Jesus Christ shared the joys of the marriage feast in Cana of Galilee, honoring the holy estate of marriage with both His presence and by performing a miracle there. Marriage, being given and authorized by God for one man and one woman, is for the purpose of companionship, and the increase of Christ’s kingdom in the earth through the propagation of a godly offspring.

There being no Biblical objection to the lawful marriage of Groom and Bride, let us stand together to ask the Lord’s blessing for this joyous occasion.

Min.: You may be seated.

Min.: Mr. Father, by walking down this aisle with your daughter do you give your blessing to this marriage?

Mr. F: I do.

Min.: Do you also transfer your God-given responsibility for the protections and care of Daughter to Groom?

Mr. F.: I do.

Min.: Let us now sing together from Psalm 45 (to the tune Diademata).

Min.: Message on Making Covenants (5-7 minutes)

What a covenant is, binding nature, solemnity of entering into covenants, the mutual responsibilities in the covenant of marriage... Include reading of 1 Cor. 13:4-8.

Note: *(At this time I will ask you to join your two hands and look at each other.)*

Min.: Groom and Bride, you may now enter into the covenant of marriage together.

G: (repeating after Minister)

I, Groom, / do solemnly covenant before God and these witnesses, / to take you, Bride, / to be my lawfully wedded wife, / and I, to be your loving and faithful husband. / I give you myself, / that this day forward, I leave off all others, / for I am yours. / I will lay down my life for you, my Beloved / to protect you, to provide for you, / to nourish you and cherish you, / as Christ does the church. I will guide you and care for you, / and share with you in all of life’s joys and sorrows, / in living with you before God, / and loving you in plenty and in straits, / in sickness and in health, / till death do us part.

Bride: (repeating after Minister)

I, Bride, / do solemnly covenant before God and these witnesses, / to receive you, Husband, / to be my lawfully wedded husband, / and I, to be your loving and faithful wife. / I give myself to you, / that this day forward, I leave my family, / for I am yours. / I will lay down my life for you, my Beloved / to serve you, cherish you, and obey you in the Lord, / as the church does Christ. I will respect you / and be led by you, my head, / and promise to always be by your side, / to go where you go / in living with you before God, / in following and loving you / in plenty and in straits, / in sickness and in health, / till death do us part.

Note: (*Groom, take the ring and place it on the third finger of her left hand, and holding it there, and looking at Bride, repeat after me.*)

G: This ring I give you / as a sign and seal of our covenant / and of my love for you.

Note: (*Bride, take the ring and place it on the third finger of his left hand, and holding it there, and looking at Groom, repeat after me.*)

Bride: This ring I give you / as a sign and seal of our covenant / and of my love for you.

Min: Groom and Bride, as you have covenanted to live together in marriage, before God and these witnesses, you are now husband and wife. What God has joined together, let no one separate. May the Lord pour the riches of His grace upon you, that you may glorify and enjoy Him together the rest of your lives.

Min.: Groom, you may now give Bride her first kiss. :o)

Mr. F: Prayer of blessing

(bridal party seated)

Min.: Sermon – “I am my Beloved’s and my Beloved’s is mine”
Song 6:3. Verse understood of the union between lovers, and also how Covenant of marriage reflects the Covenant of Grace between God and the believer. (35 min.)

Min.: Prayer (all standing)
(then all are seated and bridal party takes stage standing)

Min.: Let us now sing together from Psalm 128 (to the tune ***).

Min.: Short exhortation to couple (3 min.)

Min.: It is my honor to present to you:

Mr. and Mrs. Groom! :o)
(couple exits down isle to music)

Min.: The bride and the groom cordially invite you to join them...