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Rite of Marriage II

BLESSING

May 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.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

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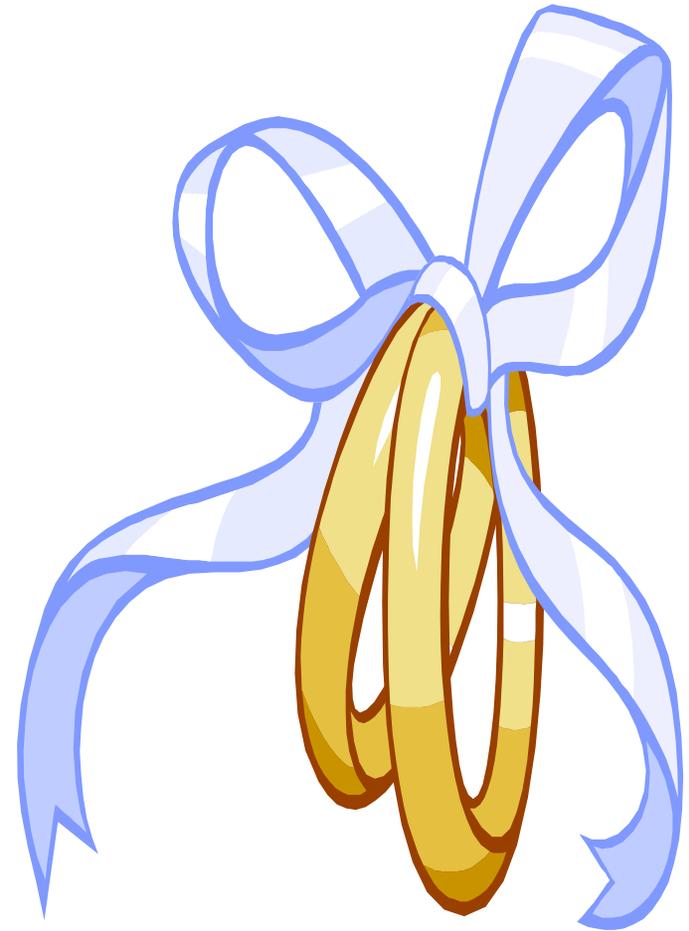
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, direct and keep you in his light and truth and love all the days of your life.

Amen.

PRESENTATION

It is my joy to present to you

Mr. & Mrs.



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ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE

As a community of friends, we are gathered here in God's presence to witness the marriage of _____ and _____, and to ask God to bless them.

We are called to rejoice in their happiness, to help them when they have trouble, and to remember them in our prayers. Marriage, like our creation as men and women, owes its existence to God. It is his will and purpose that a husband and wife should love each other throughout their life (and that children born to them should enjoy the security of family and home).

PERSON ACCOMPANYING THE BRIDE

Who brings this woman to be married to this man?



CHARGE TO COUPLE

_____ and _____, your marriage is intended to join you for life in a relationship so intimate and personal that it will change your whole being. God offers you the hope, and indeed the promise, of a love that is true and mature.

have.) (We pray for their parents, that at this moment of parting they may rejoice in their children's happiness.)

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Look with favor, God, on all our homes. Defend them from every evil that may threaten them, from outside or within. Let your Spirit so direct all of us that we may each look to the good of others in word and deed and

grow in grace as we advance in years, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



UNITY CANDLE/POURING SAND/SONG

DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE

Because _____ and _____ have made their vows with each other before God and all of us here, I declare them to be husband and wife in the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

what together we may serve God and others as long as we both shall live.

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GIVING AND RECEIVING OF RINGS

Bless, Lord, this ring, that he/she who gives it and he/she who wears it may abide in your peace.

Amen.

Giving the rings in turn, each shall say:

_____, I love you, and I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

O God, Creator and Father of us all, we thank you for the gift of life—and, in life, for the gift of marriage. We praise and thank you for all the joys that can come to men and women through marriage, and for the blessings of home and family.

Today, especially, we think of _____ and _____ as they begin their life together as husband and wife. With them we thank you for the joy they find in each other. Give them strength, Father, to keep the vows they have made and cherish the love they share, that they may be faithful and devoted. Help them to support each other with patience, understanding, and honesty. (Teach them to be wise and loving parents of any children they may

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PRAYER

Eternal God, our Creator and Redeemer, as you gladdened the wedding at Cana in Galilee by the presence of your Son, so by your presence now bring your joy to this wedding. In favor look upon this couple and grant that they, rejoicing in all your gifts, may at length celebrate with Christ the Bridegroom, the marriage feast which has no end

Amen.



DECLARATION OF INTENT

_____ (groom), do you take _____ to be your wife, and do you commit yourself to her, to be responsible in the marriage relationship, to give yourself to her in love and work, to invite her fully into your being so that she can know who you are, to cherish her above all others and to respect her individuality, encouraging her to be herself and to grow in all that God intends?

The groom will answer: Yes, I do.

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_____ (bride), do you take _____ to be your husband, and do you commit yourself to him, to be responsible in the marriage relationship, to give yourself to him in love and work, to invite him fully into your being so that he can know who you are, to cherish him above all others and to respect his individuality, encouraging him to be himself and to grow in all that God intends?

The bride will answer: Yes, I do.

AFFIRMATION BY THE PARENTS

Inviting the parents to stand, the minister shall ask:

Do you as parents promise to pray for and support your children in this new relationship which they enter as husband and wife? If so, each say "I do."

AFFIRMATION BY THE WITNESSES

All of you who witness these vows, will you do everything in your power to support and uphold these two persons in their marriage? Then say "We will!"

Song

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READING

TALK

VOWS

I, _____, take you, _____, to be my wife 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.

I, _____, take you, _____, to be my 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

I, _____, take you, _____, to be my wife. I promise before God and these witnesses to be your faithful 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 what together we may serve God and others as long as we both shall live.

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