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ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE

Dear friends, we have gathered here in the presence of God to join this man and this woman in holy marriage, which is instituted by God, regulated by his commandments, blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ, and to be held in honor among all people. Let us therefore remember that God has established and sanctified marriage for the welfare and happiness of the human family. For this reason our Savior has declared that a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one.

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.

DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE

By the authority committed to me as a minister of the Church of Jesus Christ, I now declare that _____ and _____ are husband and wife, according to the ordinance of God and laws of this state; in the name of Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

KISS

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.

PRESENTATION

It is my joy to present to you

Mr. & Mrs. _____



Giving the rings, in turn, the groom and bride will say:

This ring I give you in token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love, in giving it, I am saying I love you.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Let us all pray.

Dear God and Father of us all, we give you thanks for _____ and _____. You have brought them together by your grace. Give them now the seal of your approval, and grant them power to fulfill with pure and holy love the vow and covenant they have made. Guide them in the way of righteousness and peace, that loving and serving you with one heart and mind, they may learn also to love as you would have them love.

And help us all, our Father, in each of our homes and lives, to do your will. Enrich us more and more with your grace so that, strengthening and supporting each other in the family of faith, we may serve those in need and hasten the coming of peace, love, and justice on the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNITY CANDLE/POURING SAND/SONG

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PRAYER

Almighty God, your presence is the joy of every occasion and your favor hallows every relationship. Be especially present and gracious to these two persons, that they may truly be joined as one. As you have brought them together in your providence, sanctify them with your Holy Spirit, giving them a new mind and heart for their life together; and grant to them, now and always, the promise of your guidance and support, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFFIRMATION BY THE PARENTS

Now the minister will ask:

Will you, parents of this man and woman, give your blessing to their union? If so, answer "I will."

I will.

AFFIRMATION BY THE WITNESSES

Will you, friends of this couple, give your blessing to this union? If so, Please say, "I will".

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Song

READING

TALK

DECLARATION OF INTENT

_____ (groom), will you take this woman to be your wife, and will you give yourself to her in all love and honor, in all duty and service, in all faith and tenderness, to live with her and cherish her as long as you both shall live?

The groom will answer:

I will.

_____ (bride), will you take this man to be your husband, and will you give yourself to him in all love and honor, in all duty and service, in all faith and tenderness, to live with him and cherish him as long as you both shall live?

The bride will answer:

I will.

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VOWS

Now the couple, taking each other's hands, shall say their vows:

I _____ take you _____ to be my wife; and I do promise before God and these witnesses, to be your loving and faithful husband: in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.

I _____ take you _____ to be my husband; and I do promise before God and these witnesses, to be your loving and faithful wife: in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF RINGS



Bless, O Lord, this ring, that he/she who gives it and he/she who wears it may abide in your peace and continue in your favor until their life's end.

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