



Sample Order of Wedding Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL: _____
(Single musical piece is preferred for processional)

INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

MUSIC OR HYMN : _____

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dear Friends in Christ: Marriage is ordained by God, and to be held in honor by each of us. It is proper to hear and carefully consider what the Word of God teaches concerning marriage.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has said: Have you not read that he who made them in the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh? Therefore they are no longer two, but they are one. What, therefore, God joins together; let no one cause to be separated. (Matthew 19:4-6)

OTHER READINGS:

Psalm 33:18 – 22

Jeremiah 31:3

John 15:12 – 17

Colossians 3:12 – 17

Psalm 100

John 2:1 – 11

1 Corinthians 13:1 – 13

1 John 4:7 – 11

HOMILY (Meditation)

MUSIC OR HYMN (Optional): _____

Dear Friends: We are gathered here today to witness and to celebrate the drawing together of two separate lives, as _____ & _____ are joined in marriage. It is not to be entered into lightly, but with certainty, with mutual respect and with a sense of reverence which does not prevent beauty, humor or joy. Love is one of the highest experiences that God has given to humankind. At its best, it reduces our selfishness, deepens our personalities, and makes our life experiences more meaningful. Those who enter this relationship are to cherish a mutual honor and love; to bear each other's infirmities and weaknesses; to comfort each other in sickness, trouble and sorrow; to encourage each other in the things which pertain to the Spirit of God; and to live together as heirs of the grace of life.

PROMISES

(Then the minister will say to the groom)

_____, will you have this woman _____ to be your wife, to live together in holy relationship of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and support her, in joy and in suffering, and remain with her, as long as you both shall live? (The groom answers: I will.)

(Then the minister will say to the bride)

_____, will you have this man _____ to be your husband, to live together in the holy relationship of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and support him, in joy and in suffering, and remain with him, as long as you both shall live? (The bride answers: I will.)

PARENTAL AFFIRMATION (Optional)

(To the parents of the groom)

_____ & _____, will you give your blessing to _____ & _____ on this their wedding day? Will you continue to love them, stand by them and support them with your concern and prayers? Will you continue to welcome them into your home? And most important, will you accept _____ into your family and love her as your own daughter?

(To the parents of the bride)

_____ & _____, will you give your blessing to _____ & _____ on this their wedding day? Will you continue to love them, stand by them and support them with your concern and prayers? Will you continue to welcome them into your home? And most important, will you accept _____ into your family and love her as your own son?

(To the relatives and friends)

Will you, the relatives and friends of _____ & _____, give your blessings to _____ & _____, on this their wedding day? Will you continue to love them, stand by them and support them with your concern and prayers? Will you celebrate with them as they pledge their love and faithfulness to each other in marriage?

EXCHANGE OF MARRIAGE VOWS

I, _____ give myself to you, _____/ to be your loving and faithful husband./ I promise before God and these friends/ to share with you in strength and in weakness,/ in joy and in sorrow,/ in sickness and in health,/ as long as we both shall live./ And I ask God/ to guide and strengthen me.

I, _____ give myself to you, _____/ to be your loving and faithful wife./ I promise before God and these friends/ to share with you in strength and in weakness,/ in joy and in sorrow,/ in sickness and in health,/ as long as we both shall live./ And I ask God/ to guide and strengthen me.

CONSECRATION OF THE RINGS

Kind and loving God, we offer these rings to you and ask you to bless and consecrate them. But more so we ask your blessing upon _____ & _____ who wear them. May these rings symbolize your perfect and eternal love and the love which _____ & _____ pledge to each other. Amen

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Receive this ring as a symbol of my love and faithfulness.

DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE

Since _____ & _____ have consented to join together in marriage and have committed themselves to each other in love and faithfulness before God and in the presence of these friends, I affirm that you are husband and wife: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

WEDDING BLESSING

The Lord God, who created our first parents and blessed their union in marriage, bless and strengthen you, that you know happiness and joy in each other and grow together in holy love until life's end. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE MARRIAGE CANDLE (Optional)

MUSIC OR HYMN (Optional)

WEDDING PRAYER

Gracious God, you have united _____ & _____ in the holy relationship of marriage. Grant them your blessing to live in that relationship according to your Holy Word. Strengthen them in constant faithfulness and true love for each other. Sustain and defend them in all trials and temptations. Help them to pass through this world in faith toward you, in fellowship with your Holy Church, and in loving service for one another. Strengthen the love of all husbands and wives, parents and children surrounding them with your perfect love. May all homes be a shelter for the defenseless, a source of strength for the tempted, and a resting place for the weary. Bless _____ & _____ with a special measure of your grace as they establish their home in our midst. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Prayed by the congregation or sung as a solo)

BENEDICTION (Option 1)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look with favor on you and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

BENEDICTION (Option 2)

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, keep you in his light and truth and love now and forever. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE



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