

The Marriage Service

Preludial Music
Processional Music

The Greeting:

(Roses to Mothers?)

PASTOR: THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL. AMEN.

The Prayer:

PASTOR: LET US PRAY: ETERNAL GOD, OUR CREATOR AND REDEEMER, AS YOU GLADDENED THE WEDDING AT CANA IN GALILEE BY THE PRESENCE OF YOUR SON, SO BY HIS PRESENCE NOW BRING YOUR JOY TO THIS WEDDING. LOOK IN FAVOR UPON _____ AND _____ AND GRANT THAT THEY, REJOICING IN ALL YOUR GIFTS, MAY AT LENGTH CELEBRATE WITH CHRIST THE MARRIAGE FEAST WHICH HAS NO END.

People: Amen.

The Readings:

*(Music may be placed between various readings
to break up all the words.)*

The Confession and Absolution:

PASTOR: THE LORD GOD IN HIS GOODNESS CREATED US MALE AND FEMALE, AND BY THE GIFT OF MARRIAGE FOUNDED HUMAN COMMUNITY IN A JOY THAT BEGINS NOW BUT IS ONLY BROUGHT TO PERFECTION IN THE LIFE THAT IS TO COME.

BECAUSE OF SIN, OUR AGE-OLD REBELLION, THE GLADNESS OF MARRIAGE CAN BE OVERCAST AND THE GIFT OF THE FAMILY CAN BECOME A BURDEN.

BUT BECAUSE GOD, WHO ESTABLISHED MARRIAGE, CONTINUES STILL TO BLESS IT WITH HIS ABUNDANCE AND EVER-PRESENT SUPPORT, WE CAN BE SUSTAINED IN OUR WEARINESS AND HAVE OUR JOY RESTORED.

The Vows:

(You may feel free to write your own vows)

PASTOR: _____ AND _____ IF IT IS YOUR INTENTION TO SHARE WITH EACH OTHER YOUR LAUGHTER AND YOUR TEARS AND ALL THAT THE YEARS WILL BRING, THEN WITH YOUR PROMISES JOIN YOURSELVES NOW TO EACH OTHER AS HUSBAND AND WIFE.

I TAKE YOU, _____, TO BE MY WIFE/HUSBAND FROM THIS FORWARD, TO JOIN WITH YOU AND TO 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.

Exchange of Rings:

THIS RING IS A SIGN OF MY LOVE AND MY FAITHFULNESS.

The Pronouncement:

PASTOR: _____ AND _____ BY THEIR PROMISES BEFORE GOD AND IN THE PRESENCE OF THIS GROUP OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS HAVE MADE THEMSELVES HUSBAND AND WIFE.

BLESSED BE THE FATHER (+) AND THE SON (+) AND THE HOLY SPIRIT (+) NOW AND FOREVER.

THOSE WHOM GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER LET NO ONE PUT ASUNDER. AMEN.

Candle Lighting?
Rose Ceremony?
Musical Interlude

The Blessing:

PASTOR: THE LORD GOD, WHO CREATED OUR FIRST PARENTS AND ESTABLISHED THEM IN MARRIAGE ESTABLISH AND SUSTAIN YOU, THAT YOU MAY ALWAYS FIND DELIGHT IN EACH OTHER AND ALWAYS GROW IN HOLY LOVE. AMEN.

The Prayers:

PASTOR: LET US PRAY FOR _____ AND _____ IN THEIR LIFE TOGETHER. FAITHFUL LORD, SOURCE OF ALL LOVE, POUR DOWN YOUR GRACE UPON _____ AND _____, THAT THEY MAY FULFILL THE VOWS THEY HAVE MADE THIS VERY *DAY/EVENING* AND REFLECT YOUR STEADFAST LOVE IN THEIR LIFE-LONG FAITHFULNESS TO EACH OTHER. FROM YOUR GREAT STORE OF STRENGTH GIVE TO THEM THE POWER AND PATIENCE, AFFECTION AND UNDERSTANDING, COURAGE, AND LOVE TOWARD YOU, TOWARD EACH OTHER AND TOWARD THE WORLD, THAT THEY MAY CONTINUE TOGETHER IN MUTUAL GROWTH ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL IN JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

Eucharist (Holy Communion)

The Words of Institution Follow

The "Our Father" (Traditional version)

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

Music during Distribution

Post Communion Blessing:

PASTOR: AND NOW MAY THE PRECIOUS BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR,
JESUS THE CHRIST, STRENGTHEN US AND KEEP US IN HIS GRACE. AMEN.

Final Benediction:

PASTOR: ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER (+), SON (+), AND HOLY SPIRIT (+), KEEP YOU IN LIGHT
AND TRUTH AND LOVE NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

Kiss

(Bridal Bouquet)

Introduction (?)

Postlude