WEDDING CEREMONY 2

**Processional**

**Prayer**

**Opening**

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in God's presence to witness and to celebrate the marriage of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to ask God to bless them so that they may be strengthened for their life together. We are called to rejoice in their happiness, and find in their love a reason to renew our own commitments to those whom are near and dear to each of us. God gave us marriage for the full expression of love between a man and a woman so that husband and wife may cherish and delight in one another; comfort and help each other in sickness, trouble and sorrow; provide for each other in temporal things; pray for and encourage each other in the things that pertain to God; and live together faithfully all the length of their days.

Who Gives this woman to be married to this man? (The father of the bride should answer with an appropriate answer such as “Her mother and I.)

Of the three great institutions, the home, the church, and the state; the home is the oldest and the most sacred. We must treat is a s such if we are to be successful in God's sight. God is love, and those who abide in love, abide in God, and God abides in them. This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Vows**

I charge you both, as you stand in God's presence, to remember that love and loyalty alone will serve as the foundations of a happy and enduring home. If the solemn vows which you are about to make are kept permanently, and if you steadfastly seek to do the will of your Heavenly Father, your life will be full of peace and joy, and the home which you are establishing will abide through every change.

**To the Groom**
\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, will you have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be your wife, and will you promise your life to her in all love and honor, in all duty and service, in all faith and tenderness, to live with her, cherish her, according to the ordinance of God, in the holy bond of marriage?

The groom shall answer: I will

**To the Bride**
\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, will you have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be your husband, and will you promise your life to him, in all love and honor, in all duty and service, in all faith and tenderness, to live with him, and cherish him, according to the ordinance of God, in the holy bond of marriage?

The bride shall answer: I will

Will you stand and face one another & join hands.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as you look at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, repeat after me.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, take you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to be my wedded wife; And I do promise and covenant; 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.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as you look at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, repeat after me.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, To be my wedded husband; and I do promise and covenant; 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.

**Ring Ceremony**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have chosen to exchange rings as symbols of their love and faithfulness to one another. A ring is an unbroken circle. As you continue in life, now together as one, may your marriage also go unbroken. And as Paul writes in Philippians 4:8 "Finally, [brothers](http://bible.cc/philippians/4-8.htm), whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things."

And may your marriage also be based on these things and centered around Christ.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as you place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ finger, repeat these words.

This ring I give you; in token and pledge; of our constant faith; and abiding love.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as you place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ finger, repeat these words.

This ring I give you: in token and pledge: of our constant faith: and abiding love.

**Unity Candle - Song**

**Pronouncement**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, inasmuch as you have vowed and pledged your love and faithfulness to one another in front of God and these witnesses, by the authority committed unto me as a Minister of the Church of Christ, I declare that you are now Husband and Wife, according to the ordinance of God, and the law of the State; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Whom therefore God has joined together, let no one put asunder.

You many kiss the bride.

Ladies and Gentlemen I present to you Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Recessional - Song**