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(EVERYTHING IS OPTIONAL)

Welcome

Dear Friends we have come together today to share in the marriage celebration of the beginning of Bride and Groom's marriage together. This wedding is much more than a ceremony of tradition, but rather it is the joining together of this man and woman before God and you the witnesses in holy matrimony.

To The Bride's Father

Who has the honor of presenting this woman to be married to this man?

[The father replies] "Her mother and I do"

What is Love?

Beyond the excitement and romance of love, real LOVE is:

- ❖ Caring as much about the welfare and happiness of your marriage partner as you do for yourself.
- ❖ Not being possessive or jealous; but it is liberating.
- ❖ Not being totally absorbed in each other but rather looking outward in the same direction.
- ❖ Love makes burdens lighter, because you divide them. It makes joy more intense, because you share them.
- ❖ Real love doesn't marry the person you can live with, but rather the person who you cannot live without.

Love Letters To Each Other – Read by Minister

I Corinthians 13

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.

⁸Love never fails. ¹³And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Prayer

(Love when it's hard – sacrificial)

Promise to Each Other

Groom / Bride, do you promise to live together as God has ordained in holy matrimony? "I do."

Do you promise to you love her/him, comfort her/him, honor and keep her/him, in sickness and in health, in plenty and in want, in times of joy and in times of sorrow, and forsaking all others, keep you only unto her so long as you live? "I do."

Do promise to respect and honor her/him, sharing your plans and interests, ideals and emotions, through all the trials and tribulations of life, as well as the joyous times, caring for her/him in lifelong commitment. "I do."

(Promises to the Children if applicable)

Do the two of you promise to honor, respect, love, and provide for his/her children as your very own?

Do the two of you promise to do your part in making this home a haven for trust, laughter, safety and security?

Do the two of you promise to gladly accept any and all obligations and responsibilities attached to this new relationship with these children?

Exchange of Marriage Vows

I, *Groom/Bride* - take you, *Bride/Groom* - to be my wedded wife/husband - to have and to hold - from this day forward - for better, for worse - for richer, for poorer - sickness and in health - to love and to cherish - until death do us part.

Exchange of Rings

“This ring I give you - in token and pledge - of my constant faith - and abiding love. - on this day and forever - I gladly I choose you to be my *wife/husband* - *Bride/Groom*, do you accept this ring as a pledge of the sincerity of his vows?”

Ring Prayer / Blessing

With these ring you shall not walk alone. May your hearts be your shelter and my arms be your home. May God bless you always. May you walk together through all things. May you feel deeply loved, for indeed you are. May you always see the innocence in each other's eyes. May you feel this joy forever.

HANDS To Bride (optional)

- ❖ These are the hands of your best friend on your wedding day as he promises to love you all the days of his life.
- ❖ These are the hands that will work along side yours as together you build your future, as you laugh and cry, as you share your innermost secrets and dreams.
- ❖ These are the hands that will love you and cherish you through the rest of your years.
- ❖ These are the hands that will wipe your tears from your eyes; tears of sorrow and tears of joy.
- ❖ These are the hands that will comfort you in illness and hold you when fear and grief wrack your mind.
- ❖ These are the hands that will tenderly lift your chin and brush your cheeks as they raise your face to look into his eyes that are filled completely with overwhelming love and desire.

HANDS To Groom (optional)

- ❖ These are the hands of your best friend on your wedding day.
- ❖ These are the hands that will hold you tight as your struggle through difficult times.
- ❖ These are the hands that will comfort you when you're ill and console you when you are grieving.
- ❖ These are the hands that will love you and cherish through the years of happiness.
- ❖ These are the hands that will give you support as she encourages you to chase down your dreams.
- ❖ Together as a team, everything you wish for can be realized.

Candle / Sand with song (optional)

The two outside vases... Let the center vase symbolize that your lives are united in Christ, and that He will be the one that will guide and direct your life together. Your thoughts will be for each other, your plans will be mutual, and your joys and sorrows will be shared alike.

Presentation of the Couple

We all have heard both of you promise to share your lives in marriage. We recognize and respect the covenant you have made here today. It is not I standing here before you that makes this marriage real, but it is the honesty and sincerity of what you have said and done here before your friends, family, and in the sight of God.

Nothing is easier than saying the words, “I love you.” Nothing is harder than living them out in your lives day by day. The things you promise today must be renewed and re-decided tomorrow and every day after.

On behalf of all those present here who love you and support you, I pronounce you **husband and wife**.

Groom, you may kiss the **bride**.