

Marriage Ceremony: _____ and _____

Music / song: _____ for the entrance

DJ's name: _____

GIVING AWAY OF THE BRIDE

TO _____:
Who gives this bride in marriage?

RESPONSE: _____ says 'I Do'

TO THE GROOM: - _____ please take your bride and step forward.

COMMENT.....to help calm the nerves

To the bride and groom, how beautiful and handsome they both look, the wonderful occasion, etc

OPENING PRAYER

TO CONGREGATION: - I ask that the congregation remain standing as we come before the Lord in prayer.

SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE – LOVE

10 to 15 minutes

1 Corinthians 13:1-4

1Co 13:4 Love is patient and kind.

Love is not jealous or boastful or proud

1Co 13:5 or rude.

It does not demand its own way.

It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

1Co 13:6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

1Co 13:7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

_____, family and friends...

Love! That's what you will promise to each other, bride and groom! That's what all husbands and wives promise each other on their wedding day.

What is this love? What can we say about it? 1 Cor 13 tells us many things about love. But one could sum up all of these things into 2 aspects, which we will look at: firstly, love is a commitment; secondly, love is forever.

That's the first thing I want to say: love is a commitment, it is a deliberate decision to do loving things. Did you know that when the Bible describes love, it almost always speaks of a command? Husbands, for instance, are commanded to love their wives; wives are commanded to love their husbands; all people are commanded to love their neighbours.

Those husbands and wives who show love to their marriage partner have made a deliberate decision to be patient and kind.

Those husbands and wives who show love to their marriage partner have made a deliberate decision not to be envious, boastful, proud, rude, or self-seeking.

Those husbands and wives who show love to their marriage partner have made a deliberate decision not to be easily angered, not to remember past wrongs, not to delight in evil.

Those husbands and wives who show love to their marriage partner have made a deliberate decision to protect, trust, hope, and persevere.

_____&_____, love is not an accident. It doesn't just happen. It requires commitment. It requires that you work at it.

The second thing I want to say is that love is forever.

"Love never fails," says Paul. Love, true love, never ends. It lasts and lasts and lasts. Love, true love, is forever.

We can't say that about any other element of this life. People come and go. So too does wealth, fame, popularity just come and go..... But there will always be love. "Love never fails." Love never ends. Love abides. Love, true love, never dies. Which means, _____&_____, that if your love for one another, is true love, then divorce is not only unthinkable, it is not even an option.

_____&_____, my hope and my prayer is that in Jesus you will make a commitment to love each other and that you will keep that commitment for life.

LEGAL DECLARATION

Friends, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the presence of this congregation to join

_____ & _____ in marriage.

Into this holy estate _____&_____ now come to be joined.

Therefore, if any person present can show any lawful impediment why they may not be lawfully joined together in marriage, let them now speak, or forever hold their peace.

_____ & _____ I require and charge you both, in the presence of God, that if either of you know of any lawful impediment why you may not be lawfully joined together in marriage, you do now confess it.

TO THE GROOM: - _____ please repeat after me.

**I do solemnly declare,
that I know not of any,
lawful impediment,
why I _____
may not be joined in marriage,
to _____**

TO THE BRIDE: - _____ please repeat after me.

**I do solemnly declare,
that I know not of any,
lawful impediment,
why I _____,
may not be joined in marriage,
to _____.**

THE VOWS

Before one makes a vow one should carefully consider the following verses.

Eccl 5:4-5 When you make a **vow** to God, do not delay in fulfilling it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfil your **vow**. It is better not to **vow** than to make a **vow** and not fulfil it.

TO THE GROOM: _____ do you take, _____ as your wife, as your own flesh, to love her and cherish her even as Christ loved the Church, to protect her and care for her for the rest of your life?

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE: - I do

Please turn to her and make this profession of your faith.

**I, _____
take you _____,
to be my wedded wife,
To have and to hold,
from this day forward,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness or in health,
to love and to cherish**

**'till death do us part.
I also include Ryan and Reece
As an important part of our lives.**

TO THE BRIDE: - _____ do you take _____ as your husband,
submitting yourself to him as unto the Lord, loving and supporting him,
showing reverence to him as the head of this union for the rest of your lives?

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE: - I do

Please turn to him and make this profession of your faith.

**I, _____
take you _____,
to be my wedded husband.
To have and to hold,
from this day forward,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness or in health,
to love and to cherish
'till death do us part.**

PRESENTATION OF THE RINGS

RINGS: _____

TO THE GROOM: - _____ take this ring, place it on her finger, and say
to her:

**With this ring
I commit myself to you.
It is a token of my love for you
and a symbol of the vows
that I made to you today.**

TO THE BRIDE: - _____ take this ring, place it on his finger, and say to
her:

**With this ring
I commit myself to you.
It is a token of my love for you
and a symbol of the vows
that I made to you today.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNION

As a representative of Jesus Christ, before Almighty God and in the Name of the Father, of His Son Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit of God, I now pronounce you husband and wife.

KISS THE BRIDE

TO THE GROOM: - _____ you may now kiss your bride.

PRAY FOR THE COUPLE

Pray for them **AS A COUPLE**, include (and honour) the parents:
Groom's parents: _____ & _____
Bride's parents: _____ & _____

PRESENTATION OF THE COUPLE

TO THE BRIDE AND GROOM: _____ & _____ please turn and face this congregation.

TO CONGREGATION: - Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you
Mr & Mrs _____

SIGN THE REGISTER

We are now going to sign the register.
Call for the witnesses.
At the table(background music / song??)

FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS

"while the bridal couple are taking photos":
1 _____ 2 _____
_____ 3 _____

Hand over to the M.C: _____

NB: give the groom their Marriage Certificate, in an envelope.