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Short & Sweet: 'Religious Wedding'

Gathering Words

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here today, in the sight of God and this company, to witness and celebrate one of life's greatest moments, to give recognition to the worth and beauty of love, and to add our best wishes and blessings to the union of <Bride Full> and <Groom Full>.

Charge

<Bride> and <Groom>, marriage is an institution ordained of God, and it is not to be entered into lightly or unadvisedly, but reverently, deliberately, and only after much consideration, for in coming together in marriage you are committing yourselves exclusively, the one to the other, for as long as you both shall live.

Consent

Knowing this, I ask of you this question:

Do you <Groom>, choose to marry <Bride> on this day; to speak the words that will join you with her as your wife, for all the days of your life? If so, please answer: I DO

Do you <Bride>, choose to marry <Groom> on this day; to speak the words that will join you with him as your husband, for all the days of your life? If so, please answer: I DO

Exchange of Vows

Then, if you would, please turn to face one another and join hands as you each take your marital vows:

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Beginning with you, <Groom>:

Do you, <Groom Full>, take <Bride Full>, to be your lawfully wedded wife; to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, or for worse, for richer, or for poorer, in sickness, and in health? With respect for her integrity and faith in your union, do you promise to unfailingly seek out the best you can in her, loving her every day, in every way, until the end of your forever? If so, please answer: I DO.

And now you, <Bride>:

Do you, <Bride Full>, take <Groom Full>, to be your lawfully wedded husband; to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, or for worse, for richer, or for poorer, in sickness, and in health? With respect for his integrity and faith in your union, do you promise to unfailingly seek out the best you can in him, loving him every day, in every way, until the end of your forever? If so, please answer: I DO.

Ring Exchange

What tokens of love and respect do you offer each other?

Rings are presented to/by the couple

The wedding ring is the outward sign of an inward and spiritual grace, signifying to all the union of this man and this woman in holy matrimony. It was Saint Augustine who said, "The nature of God is like a circle whose center is everywhere and circumference is nowhere." May the rings that you hold symbolize the nature of God in your lives, and as often as either of you see them, may you be reminded of this moment and the endless love you have promised.

<Groom>, as you present <Bride> with her wedding ring and pledge your love and your life to her, will you please repeat after me:

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<Bride>, I give you this ring as a symbol of my love. With all that I am, and all that I have, I promise to love and honor you always. With this ring, I thee wed.

<Bride> as you present <Groom> with his wedding ring and pledge your love and your life to him, will you please repeat after me:

<Groom>, I give you this ring as a symbol of my love. With all that I am, and all that I have, I promise to love and honor you always. With this ring, I thee wed.

Pronouncement

<Groom> and <Bride>, inasmuch as you have consented to be joined together in the holy state of matrimony, and having pledged and sealed your vows by the giving and receiving of rings in the presence of both God and this company, it is with great pleasure that I now pronounce you husband and wife. What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

Congratulations! You may kiss the bride.

Presentation

It is with great joy and honor that I now present to you Mr. and Mrs. <Bride> and <Groom Full>!

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