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Traditional: 'Religious Wedding'

Gathering Words

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here together in the sight of God and this company, to witness and bless the joining together of <Groom Full> and <Bride Full> in Holy Matrimony. The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given to one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore, marriage is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Reading

As is written in the book of John Chapter 15 Verses 9-12:

And Jesus said unto them:

I have loved you just as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this that my own joy may be in you and that your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

Charge

As God's children by faith in Jesus Christ, the joining with one another in the holy estate of marriage is especially meaningful. Certainly, it is possible for non-believers to marry, but only members of God's family by faith in Jesus Christ can ever experience the joy and fulfillment that God intends for marriage to hold. Let me remind you both that your

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home will never be what God intends for it to be if you leave Him out of your relationship. As you are obedient to the Word of God, and allow God to control your relationship, your home will be the place of joy and testimony to the world that God intends.

Consent

Knowing this, I ask these questions of you...

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? 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? I DO

Marriage Vows

Then, if you would, please turn to face one another and join hands as you prepare to exchange your wedding vows.

<Groom>, if you will, please repeat after me:

From this day onward, I choose you <Bride>, to be my wife; to live together and laugh together; to work by your side and dream in your arms; to fill your heart and feed your soul; to always seek out the best I can in you; to play with you whenever I can, always loving you with all my heart, until the end of our forever.

<Bride>, if you will, please repeat after me:

From this day onward, I choose you <Groom>, to be my husband; to live together and laugh together; to work by your side and dream in your arms; to fill your heart and feed your soul; to always seek out the best I can in you; to play with you whenever I can, always loving you with all my heart, until the end of our forever.

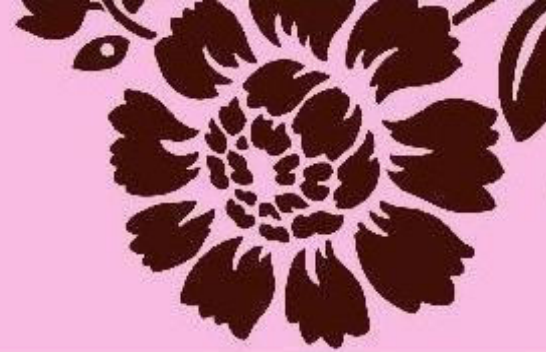
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Exchanging of the Rings

Who holds the rings?

(Rings are presented to the Bride and Groom)

The wedding ring is a symbol of the unbroken unity of truth now representing your married life. It was Saint Augustine who said, 'The nature of God is like a circle whose center is everywhere and circumference cannot be found.' May these rings symbolize your commitment to one another as well as the nature of God in your lives.

<Groom>, please place the ring on <Bride>'s finger and repeat after me:

I <Groom>, take you <Bride>, as my beloved wife. I pledge my love and devotion to you. I pledge to stand beside you in good times and in bad. I offer myself completely to you before God and these witnesses. Let this ring be a symbol of my faithfulness and abiding love. With this ring, I thee wed.

<Bride>, please place the ring on <Groom>'s finger and repeat after me:

I <Bride>, take you <Groom>, as my beloved husband. I pledge my love and devotion to you. I pledge to stand beside you in good times and in bad. I offer myself completely to you before God and these witnesses. Let this ring be a symbol of my faithfulness and abiding love. With this ring, I thee wed.

Prayer

And now, if you would, please join with me in asking God's blessing on this newly formed marriage. Let us pray.

Eternal Father, creator, redeemer, lover of our souls, we now turn to you, as the first act of this couple in their newly formed union. We ask you to protect their home. May they always turn to you for guidance, for strength, for provision, for direction. May they glorify you in the choices they make, in the ministries they

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involve themselves in, in all that they do. Use them to draw others to yourself, and let them stand as a testimony to the world of your faithfulness. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pronouncement

<Groom> and <Bride>, inasmuch as you have consented together to enter into the holy bonds of marriage; and having pledged and sealed your vows by the giving and receiving of rings before God and this loving community of family and friends, it gives me great joy to pronounce that you are now husband and wife.

Congratulations! <Groom>, you may kiss your bride.

Presentation

Now, it is my happy privilege to introduce to you for the first time, Mr. and Mrs. <Bride> and <Groom Full>.

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