

# Marriage Ceremony

## Processional

Entrance of the Bride  
Lighting of candles.

## Introductory Rites

*Priest:* In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*All:* Amen

## Opening Prayer

Brothers and sisters, we are gathered here today to celebrate the Marriage of **BRIDE** and **GROOM**  
Welcome both friends and family. Your presence here today is not only to observe, but also to celebrate with the newly-weds.

Our reunion is not just a social act, but a reunion in the Church of Christ, who is present here with us; so our happiness is the happiness of the church.

Let us listen to the word of God, and in a mysterious way come to understand the sacrament of marriage. We participate in this celebration, united, in the pledges of the newly-weds.

Hear our prayer Lord, fill us with your Grace, unite us in your presence and in the strong light of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **AMEN**

## FIRST: A reading from the Book of the Apostles

Brothers, I will show you a better path. I speak the language of all men and Angels. I have nothing if I don't have love and companionship in my life. I have the gift to predict and know all secrets and the power to move mountains, but without love then I am nothing at all.

I could share in alms all that I have and still be alive, but if I am without love, it is all worthless to me. Love is compassionate; love serves a purpose and contains no envy. Love contains no deceit or irritation or badness or injustice. Apologies without limits, believe without limits, wait without limits. Love lasts forever.

This is the word of the Lord

*All:* Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

For the love of the Lord is faithful, And all His works to be trusted  
The Lord loves justice and right, And fills the earth with His love

*Response:* May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord, The Lord is our help and shield.

In Him do our hearts find joy. We trust in His Holy name.

*Response:* May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

May the glory of the Lord last forever, May the Lord rejoice in His works

May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my love in the Lord.

*Response:* May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**GOSPEL – Please stand**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you

*All:* And also with you

*Priest:* A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN.

Jesus said to His Disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. 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 so that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you".

*Priest:* This is the Gospel of the Lord

*All:* Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

## Rite Of Marriage

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All stand

**BRIDE AND GROOM** join the Priest and the Altar

*Priest:* Children of God, we are here today with God's guarantee to pledge your love before God and before the church, here present in the person of the Priest, and the congregation. You have already shared the consecration of Baptism but today you are to receive a new Sacrament.

God will bless your love and always guard your natural respect and fidelity throughout your marriage. Before this assembly let us now declare your intentions to each other.

### Declaration Of Consent

The Priest then questions them about their freedom of choice, faithfulness to each other, and the acceptance and upbringing of children:

*Priest:* bride and groom are you entering this marriage of you own free will?

*Bride and groom: yes we are*

*Priest:* have you decided to love and respect each other for the rest of your lives?

*Bride and groom: yes we have*

*Priest:* are you ready to accept the children that god may send you and bring them up in accordance of the law of the church of christ?

*Bride and groom: yes we are ready.*

Priest: now you are ready to enter into the sacred contract of marriage, join your hands and declare your consent before god and your church.

### The marriage vows

I, **groom** do take you, bride, as my wife and i promise to be faithful, to love, and honour you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, all the days of my life.

I, **bride** do take you, groom as my husband and i promise to be faithful, to love, and to honour you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, all the days of my life.

*Priest:* lord what has been born to you in love and confirmed by mutual consent will be made known before the church. What god joins together, man or woman must not separate.

### **Blessing and exchange of rings**

The priest will now bless the wedding rings.

**Groom:** bride, wear this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity to you. In the name of the father, the son and the holy spirit.

**Bride:** groom, wear this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity to you, in the name of the father the son and the holy spirit.

### **Blessing and exchange of gifts. The priest will now bless the tokens**

**Groom:** bride, i give you this gift ,which has been blessed by god , as a token of all I possess.

**Bride:** groom, i give you this gift , which has been blessed by god, as a token of all I possess.

### **Lighting of matrimonial candle**

Prayers of the faithful - read by - *name*

We pray for **BRIDE AND GROOM** that the Lord who brought them to this happy day will keep them forever in fidelity and love. Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord graciously hear us

We pray for the faithful departed, family and friends that God will one day unite us again in the joys of our eternal home. Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord graciously hear us

We pray for all who are present here today that we may be blessed with health and happiness. Lord hear us.

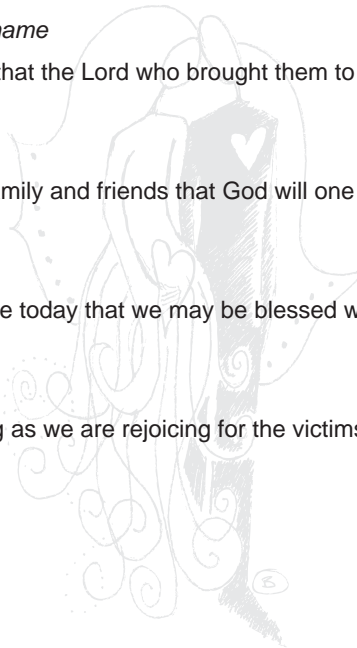
**All:** Lord graciously hear us

We pray for those who are suffering as we are rejoicing for the victims of injustice of war and of famine. Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord graciously hear us

### **All: Lords Prayer**

**Our father who lives in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come,  
On earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
The power and the glory  
For ever and ever  
Amen**



**Nuptial Blessing**

**Priest:** We ask God to Bless BRIDE AND GROOM, now married in Christ and unite them in his love.

God, our father, creator of the universe, you made man and women in your own likeness and blessed their union.

We humbly pray for **BRIDE AND GROOM** today, united in the sacrament of marriage. May your blessing come upon them. May they find happiness in each other and enrich the life of the Church.

May they praise you in their days of happiness and turn to you in times of sorrow. May they know the joy of your help in their work and the strength of your presence in their need. May they worship you with the Church and be your witnesses in the world. May old age come to them in the company of friends and may they reach at last the kingdom of heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** AMEN

**Concluding Rite**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Priest:** May the almighty God bless you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Priest:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Signing Of The Register**

**EXIT**

