

Christian Ceremony

"Dearly Beloved,

"We are gathered here today in the sight of God, to celebrate one of life's greatest moments."

"Who is it that brings this woman to this man." "Her Mother and I."

"Marriage is an honorable estate, created by God, and signifying unto us the mystical union between a man and a woman, which also exists between Christ and the Church."

"Groom and Bride, only love will maintain a marriage. Mankind did not create love, love is created by God."

"Love is freely given and freely accepted, just as God's love of us is unconditional and free."

"As you travel through life together, I caution you to remember that the true measure of success, the true avenue to joy and peace, is to be found within the love you hold in your hearts. I would ask that you hold the key to your heart very tightly."

VOWS

"Would you please face each other and join hands."

" Groom do you take Bride to be your wife? Do you promise to love, honor, and protect her, forsaking all others and holding only to her?" ("I do")

"Bride do you take Groom to be your Husband? Do you promise to love, honor, and protect him, forsaking all others and holding only to him? ♦ ("I do")

"I, Groom take you Bride to be my wife. To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you forevermore. "

"I, Bride take you Groom to be my Husband. To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you forevermore."

CORINTHIANS 13

"A marriage ceremony represents one of life's greatest commitments, but also is a declaration of love. I wish to read to you what Paul wrote of love in a letter to the Corinthians."

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails"

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

"Wedding rings are an outward and visible sign of an inward spiritual grace, signifying to all the uniting of this man and this woman in marriage."

" Groom place the ring on Bride, and repeat after me."

"With this ring, I thee wed. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

" Bride place the ring on Groom, and repeat after me."

"With this ring, I thee wed. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

CHARGE THE COUPLE

" Groom and Bride, as the two of you come into this marriage uniting as husband and wife, and as you this day affirm your faith and love for one another, I would ask that you always remember to cherish each other as special and unique individuals, that you respect the thoughts, ideas and suggestions of one another."

PRAYER

"Dear heavenly Father, Our hearts are filled with great happiness on Groom and Bride, wedding day, as they come before You pledging their hearts and lives to one

another. Bless this union we pray, and walk beside Groom and Bride, throughout all their lives together. AMEN"

UNITY CANDLES

" Groom and Bride, as a symbol of the union of your separate selves, would you now light the Unity Candle..."

"There are many traditions and rituals commonly included in marriage ceremonies."

"One of the most beautiful and expressive is the Unity Candle. Two fires, separate and individual, uniting their flames to burn as one."

"May the Lord bless you and keep you, giving you peace, joy and happiness throughout your lives."

"Congratulations, you may kiss your bride. I present to you Mr. and Mrs. Grooms Last Name."