

Wedding Service  
May 29, 2011

Coordinator:

Ushers:

Prelude:

Processional:

Processors:

Good Evening, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, I welcome you to this special moment in their lives. This is a time we set apart: apart from the ordinary and routine; apart from the ongoing rush of life. Before us, these two shall profess their love for each other, the blending of their lives, and their comradeship of mind and heart. As two separate beings, they shall create one home in which, each in his and her own way, shall become more complete, because of the other. From joys and sorrows, they shall grow in love and loyalty; from any pain given and forgiven, they shall grow in mutual understanding. Let us celebrate the now, and future of their love.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, marriage makes us aware of the changes of time. The new relationships you will share will continue to draw much of their beauty from those warm associations of the past. Therefore, will the parents of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, please rise:

Will you, their parents, grant them your blessings and pledge them your love and acceptance?

Parents: We will.

Now, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will give roses to their moms. They are a token of joy and beauty, a sign of hope and confidence, and a symbol of connection and roots. The gift of a rose is a way of saying thank you for so many years of love and understanding.

In marriage, two persons turn to each other, in search of a greater fulfillment, than either can achieve alone. Marriage is a going-forth, a bold step into the future; it is risking what we are, for the sake of what we yet can be. Only in giving of oneself and sharing with another, can the mysterious process of growth take place. Only in loyalty and devotion bestowed upon another, can that which is eternal in life, emerge and be known. In this ceremony, we celebrate love come to life, for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. May this love grow sure and straight and strong. We rejoice in its presence among us.

\_\_\_\_\_, will you take \_\_\_\_\_'s bouquet, please.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, will you now please turn to each other, join hands, and repeat after me the vows you have chosen.

First, \_\_\_\_\_,

Will you, \_\_\_\_\_ choose \_\_\_\_\_ to be your friend and your love? Will you affirm the relationship you have enjoyed, and look to the future to keep and strengthen it? Will you be hers in plenty and want, in sickness and in health, in failure and in triumph? Together will you dream, break bread and lie down; will you restore her if she falls, will you share all things; will you cherish and respect her; comfort and encourage her; be open with her; and remain with her for as long as you both shall live?

\_\_\_\_\_: I will with all my heart.

Now, \_\_\_\_\_,

Will you, \_\_\_\_\_ choose \_\_\_\_\_ to be your friend and your love? Will you affirm the relationship you have enjoyed, and look to the future to keep and strengthen it? Will you be his in plenty and want, in sickness and in health, in failure and in triumph? Together will you dream, break bread and lie down; will you restore him if he falls, will you share all things; will you cherish and respect him; comfort and encourage him; be open with him; and remain with him for as long as you both shall live?

\_\_\_\_\_: I will with all my heart.

\_\_\_\_\_, please repeat after me:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife. The forever of marriage, I think is natural for us. Through the very best, and the very worst, I will always be with you, and there for you.

\_\_\_\_\_, please repeat after me:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you \_\_\_\_\_, to be my husband. The forever of marriage, I think is natural for us. Through the very best, and the very worst, I will always be with you, and there for you.

\_\_\_\_\_, may I have the rings?

May these rings be symbols of the love and devotion that you share. May they remind you of the beauty of the universe and of the gift of your life together. As in the circle of the ring, may your love encircle each other.

\_\_\_\_\_,

Please repeat after me,

I give you this ring, to wear upon your hand, as a symbol of our love.

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Please repeat after me,  
I give you this ring, to wear upon your hand, as a symbol of our love.

Let us pause to recognize the sacredness of this moment. Please join me in prayer.

Dear God,  
Support \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in keeping the covenant that they have made. Help them to be a blessing and a comfort to each other: to share joy, to console in sorrow and to help each other in all the challenges of life. May they give encouragement in whatever each sets out to achieve. As they trust each other, may they trust life and be not afraid. May they not only express and accept affection between themselves, but may they also have affection and compassion for others. May their knowledge of love deepen as they grow in their relationship with each other and with You.  
Amen.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
In the presence of family and friends, you have spoken vows, exchanged rings and are now joined together as husband and wife.

You may kiss.

\_\_\_\_\_, please return the bouquet to the bride.

I invite you all on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to share your blessings with them at the reception to follow in the adjacent room.

May you go anew in peace and love. And may all life's blessings go with you.

Recessional: