

Christian Wedding Ceremony

OPENING STATEMENT

"Dearly Beloved: We are gathered here, in the presence of God and of this company, to join _____ and _____ holy matrimony. We are here to celebrate and share in the glorious act that God is about to perform which is commended by the Apostle Paul to be honorable above all men and this relationship is a sacred one, It is not to be entered into lightly; but reverently and discreetly.

Into this holy estate that this couple now enter into this holy relationship."

GIVING OF THE BRIDE

"Being assured that this couple understands and does not take this step lightly, and accept each other and declare their marriage before God I am honored to ask who gives this bride to this man?"

BRIDE'S FATHER or Escort

"Her mother and I do."

(Memorial would go here)

DECLARATION OF INTENTION & Reading combined

Love is a word that is so hard to explain it has so much impact. "The apostle Paul has been able to describe the beauty of love in

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Sample B

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

"If you have this kind of love your love will go on forever. It can hold more fulfillment and happiness and is drawn together by a love greater than their own.

"_____ (GROOM). Believing the love you share and your faith in each other will endure all things do you choose _____ to be your cherished wife to live with her and love her in the consecrated state of marriage?"

GROOM

"I do."

"____ (BRIDE), believing the love you share and your faith in each other will endure all things do you choose ____ to be your cherished husband to live with him and love him in the consecrated state of marriage?"

BRIDE

"I do."

Hand Blessing Optional

MARRIAGE VOWS

"____ do you take ____ to be your wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in holy matrimony? Do you promise to love her, to honor and cherish her, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, and to be to her in all things a good and faithful husband as long as you both shall live?"

GROOM

"I do."

"____, do you take ____ to be your wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in holy matrimony? Do you promise to love him, to honor and cherish him, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, and to be to him in all things a good and faithful wife as long as you both shall live?"

BRIDE

"I do."

Or

WITH GROOM REPEATING

"I, _____, take thee, _____, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part. According to God's holy ordinance, and thereto I pledge thee my faith."

WITH BRIDE REPEATING

"I, _____, take thee, _____, to be my wedded husband. to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part. According to God's holy ordinance, and thereto I pledge thee my faith."

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

"It is a Christian custom to exchange rings as a symbol of love. God is a circle whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere, As the rings have no end so your love should have no end. Let these rings be a reminder of the endless love you have for each other.

WITH GROOM REPEATING

"_____, this ring I give to you in token and pledge to honor you with all that I am and all I shall become for the rest of my life.

WITH BRIDE REPEATING

"_____, this ring I give to you in token and pledge to honor you with all that I am and all I shall become for the rest of my life.

PRAYER Below or Unity Candle, Gods Knot, or Sand Ceremony

"Let us pray: O thou eternal God, who art our Father and our Friend, as you have heard these words of promise just spoken, may the Holy Spirit deepen in the mind of this man and this woman the sense of the sacred and binding power of their vows. And as in Thy Name these words were spoken to make these lives one, may your rich blessing be added. Give them Your grace and guidance that they may loyally fulfill the vows they have taken. May Your joy abide with them always, that thus they may be a blessing to each other, and to those about them, finding in the blessedness of the home life on earth a sample of the happiness of Thine eternal home. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

DECLARATION OF THE MARRIAGE

"What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder. You are no longer two individuals but one in the eyes of the lord you have pledged your love to each other, and have declared the same by the joining and the giving of rings., I, therefore, by the authority of the state of Florida pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ

"You may kiss your beautiful Bride."

PRESENTATION

"I now present to you Mr. and Mrs. _____."