

Religious Four

Parent Blessing, Community Joining of Hands

Non-Denominational Communion

Welcome:

Welcome family and friends, we are here today in the eyes of our lord and to each other, we are here today to celebrate that Groom and Bride are being joined together in Holy matrimony. Marriage is a most honorable estate, created and Instituted by God, signifying unto us the spiritual union which also exists between Christ and the Church; so too may this marriage be adorned by true and abiding love.

Parent and Community Blessing

A time comes for children to grow up and to leave the nest, and the families that raised them. Since the beginning of time couples have joined together in marriage crossing all religions and cultures. Marriage requires not only the love of each other but support and love from their families and friends. At this time, will the parents of the (Bride and Groom) come forward to bless this marriage.

Do you, _____ and _____, and _____ and _____, who have raised and nurtured (Bride) & (Groom), promise to support them, guide them and encourage them in their in the years ahead
(Parent's respond we do)

And to you family and friends, promise to support them, guide them, and encourage them in their in the years ahead?
(we do)

Address:

Groom and Bride marriage is God's idea not mans. God created man, and then he said in Gen. 2:18 it is not good for man to be alone so he created him a partner, a friend a wife. Someone once said a woman was created out of the side of man. Not under his feet to be trampled upon, but out of his side to be equal to him, and under his arm to be protected and near his heart to be loved.

Corinthians Chapter 13 teaches us about Love

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 is never-ending.

Marriage consists of giving of oneself, your time, your patience, having the ability to say I am sorry, remembering to say I Love You. It is a total commitment. Marriage is not working as individuals it is working together for one goal, hand in hand, side by side through the good times and bad. It is the willingness to suffer with and rejoice in the happiness of the other. Gen 2:24 says "they shall become one flesh". You can stand up here today and repeat your vows, and exchange rings but the real work is the day to day building of your marriage together and with that you will become one.

Vows:

With this understanding, do you Groom take Bride to be your beloved wife?

Do you promise to be a tender, faithful husband? Do you promise to love, honor, and cherish her, in sickness and in health, for

richer for poorer, for better for worse and to be faithful only to him for so long as you both shall live?

"I Do"

With this understanding, do you Bride take Groom to be your beloved husband?

Do you promise to be a tender, faithful wife? Do you promise to love, honor, and cherish him, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, for better for worse and to be faithful only to him for as long as you both shall live?

"I Do"

Rings:

Groom and Bride have chosen rings as outward symbols of the commitment they make today.

From earliest times, the ring has been a symbol of committed love. An unbroken and never-ending circle symbolizes a never ending eternal love. We ask that God bless these rings and this marriage.

Groom, take the ring which you have selected, place it on Bride's finger, and say to her these words:

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

Bride, take the ring which you have selected, place it on Groom's finger, and say to him these words:

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

Groom and Bride, may the peace of God that passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

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The cup and the bread are placed on a small table. The Officiant then passes the bread to the bride and groom, each facing the other.

Officiant: For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.

The groom then serves it to the bride, the bride serves it to the groom. The Officiant then lifts the cup and passes it to the bride and groom, they hold it between them.

Officiant: "In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Each in turn serves the cup to the other, the groom passes it back to the Officiant.

Officiant: As you have shared this bread and cup, May you always share in the unity and peace of the Spirit.

Officiant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Unity in Joining of Hands

(BRIDE and GROOM) would like all of you to join hands, making a continuous link. When all hands are joined in unity, I will recite a short blessing.

Each of you here has demonstrated your love and support of (Groom and Bride's) lives. They asked you to be here to support them as they formed this union of marriage today. They appreciate the unselfish effort you have made to join them here today. Your love for them and their love for you have deep meaning and a solid foundation (Bride & Groom) will continue to count on you for your love and understanding.

([Groom) and (Bride): Remember your love brought you here today. With hard work and the support of your family and friends as they stand united with you will keep your love & marriage strong. Believe in yourselves and in each other. Allow your family and friends to be an important part of your married life. Allow them to encourage you and support you. Draw from their strength of your joined unity and with the love you have displayed here today nothing or no one will divide you.

Thank you. You may now release your Unity in joining hands.

Pronouncement:

Groom and Bride, having witnessed your vows for marriage, in the sight of God and of State of Florida, I pronounce you husband & wife

Kiss:

You may seal your vows with a kiss.

Presentation:

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my honor to present to you for the first time as husband and wife: Mr. & Mrs. _____