

Religious One
(Unity Candle Ceremony)

Good (afternoon)

Lighting of Candles by the mothers: (optional)

To begin this ceremony, I would like to invite the two mothers to light the unity candle. In lighting these candles the two mothers honor the lives of their children, the lives they brought into this world. Their love for their children and support of this marriage. The two end candles represent the couple's individual lives different and unique.

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.

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.

Unity Candle: (Optional)

Groom and Bride, you have exchanged vows and rings expressing your desire to be united as one in a Christ-honoring marriage. As you enter marriage, may the light of his presence in your life and works through you be seen as a light in the darkness. . a sign of God's light and presence. May that truth be reflected as you now take the flames from two separate candles and blend them into the one center candle. May the Lord unite you with one faith, one hope, and one love. I ask you to light this candle on your wedding anniversary remembering this day, and the promises made to each other.

Prayer:

"Prayer of Love"

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"Our prayer for you is this: That you will always remember the qualities that attracted you to each other when you first met and how you felt as your feelings of attraction turned into respect, admiration and finally love. That you will work hard to turn your feelings of love into acts of love so that nothing and no one can divide you. That you will always have kind and loving hearts that are quick to ask for forgiveness when you are wrong as well as to forgive when your partner is wrong. That your love might grow to hear all things, believe all things, and hope for all things, endure all things. we pray you place your marriage in God's hands and that your love increases and overflows, beyond anything you can yet imagine."

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. _____