

Protestant Ceremony

(Escort remains with the Bride until the point of Presentation or the presentation may be first before the address)

The Introductory Prayer/Address

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony. The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by His presence and first miracle at the wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and His Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.

The union of husband and wife is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given each other in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

The Interrogation (optional)

Into this union (bride's name) and (groom's name) now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not be lawfully wed, speak now, or else forever hold your peace.

I charge you both, here in the presence of God and the witness of this company, that if either of you know any reason why you may not be married lawfully or in accordance with God's Word, do now confess it.

Consent:

(Bride's name), will you have this man to be your husband; to live together with him in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful unto him as long as you both shall live?

Bride: I will.

(Groom's name), will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together with her in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful unto her as long as you both shall live?

Groom: I will.

To Guests: (optional)

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

Guest responds: We will.

The Presentation (optional)

who gives this woman to be married to this man?

The Escort responds: She gives herself, with the blessing of her mother and father.

A reading or hand blessing may go here: (optional)

The Vows: (Standard Protestant Vows) You may write your own or repond with "I Do" vows instead of repeat after vows

please face each other and join hands & repeat after me:

Groom: In the name of God, I, (groom's name), take you, (bride's name), to be my 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, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

Bride: In the name of God, I, (bride's name), take you, (groom's name), to be my husband, to have and to hold form this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

The Blessing and Exchange of Rings

May I have the Rings?

Bless, O Lord, these rings as a symbol of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Groom place the ring on (Brides) right hand and repeat after me:

I give you this ring as a symbol of my love, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Bride place the ring on (Grooms) right hand and repeat after me:

I give you this ring as a symbol of my love, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Unity Candle/Sand Ceremony May go here: Optional

Pronouncement:

Now that (bride's name) and (groom's name) have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of rings, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Those, whom God has joined together, let no one put asunder.

All: Amen.

Concluding Prayers

Let us stand and pray together the words our Savior taught us The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. Amen.

Sign of Peace

To all: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Kiss

(Bride's name) and (groom's name), having witnessed your vows of love to one another, it is my joy to present you to all gathered here as husband and wife. You may kiss the bride.

Rose Ceremony for Mothers may go here

Introduction:

May I introduce to you for the first time Mr. & Mrs. _____