

Religious Two

(God's Knot & First Gift of Roses)

(Hand Blessing)

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.

Hand Blessing

(Hands Blessing Ceremony)

"[GROOM'S NAME] and [BRIDE'S NAME], please face each other and place your palms together so you may feel the gift that you are to one another."

"These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of love for you, that are holding yours on your wedding day, as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow, and forever."

"These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you build your future."

"These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years and with the slightest touch will comfort you like no other."

"These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief wracks your mind."

"These are the hands that will tenderly hold your children and support your grandchildren

"These are the hands that will help you to hold your family as one."

"These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it."

"And lastly, these are the hands that – even when wrinkled and aged – will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch."

"Bless these hands that you see before you this day. May they always be held by one another. Give them the strength to hold on during the storms of stress and the dark of disillusionment. Keep them tender and gentle as they nurture each other in their wondrous love. Help these hands to continue building this relationship, rich in caring and devoted to reaching for perfection. May [GROOM'S NAME] and [BRIDE'S NAME] see their four hands as healer, protector, shelter and guide. May these hands and this relationship be blessed for all time."

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.

Gods Knot

Today, [name of groom] and [name of bride] have chosen to braid three strands together into a single cord. Each strand has a significant meaning.

The gold strand represents God and His majesty.

The purple strand represents the groom and his life.

The white strand represents the bride and her life.

In braiding these three strands together, [name of groom] and [name of bride] have demonstrated that their marriage is more than a joining of two lives together. It is a unity with God as well. They have chosen to allow God to be at the center of their marriage, Woven into every aspect of it.

As Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 reads, "Two are better than one, because they have a good Return for their work; If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who Falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.

But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Prayer:

"Prayer of Love"

Author Unknown

"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.

Unique first gift of roses

One of the greatest joys of being a Officiant is that I am the first one to speak to the newlyweds as husband and wife...which you now are. Congratulations!

I'd am privileged to give you your first gift. I'd like to give a rose to each of you as these roses symbolize the love between the two of you and what we have witnessed here today.

Now that I have given you each a gift, I would like each of you to give each other your first give of love to each other as husband & wife.

Parents, family & friends:

Today we have witnessed our bride and grooms begin this ceremony as individuals. We witnessed them become united as one as a married couple. In doing so they united more than themselves. They united two separate families. I was privileged to give them their first gift as a married couple, they then had the opportunity to give their first gift to each other And now as a symbol of this marriage, I'd like then to have the privilege to present the rose that they are now holding to their new Mother-In-Laws

(Please face your guests)

Presentation:

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

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