

**THE MARRIAGE OF  
[MAN] AND [WOMAN]  
[TIME] [DATE]  
[LOCATION]**

**PROCESSIONAL**

**GREETING AND WELCOME**

We are here to share with [man] and [woman] on their wedding day and to celebrate the beginning of their marriage. Through our time together here and later at the reception we will surround both of them with our love, our support and our best wishes for their life together. We all want for them a rich and rewarding partnership in the years ahead. So welcome to this celebration and the blessing of these two people coming together in a spirit of hope, love and faithfulness.

**DECLARATION OF PURPOSE**

*Therefore I ask you this question*

[man] and [woman], do you declare before me and before your witnesses here present, that you come here voluntarily and without reservation and that you are free by law to be married to each other today?

*We do*

**PRAYER**

**OUR PROMISE**

[man], will you give yourself to [woman] to be her husband and to live together in the commitment of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her and leaving all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

*I will*

[woman], will you give yourself to [man] to be his wife and to live together in the commitment of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him and leaving all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

*I will*

**COMMITMENT BY THE FAMILY** *(please stand)*

Will you the family of [man] and [woman], give your blessing and support to their marriage?

*We will*

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**COMMITMENT BY THE FRIENDS**

Will you the friends of [man] and [woman], show your blessing and support to their marriage by standing?

## READING

### THE VOWS

I, [man/woman] invite you to share in my life as my partner. I declare my love for you and my commitment to you. I promise to always respect your needs and accept you as you are. I will be supportive, unselfish and trusting. I will work for a happy life for both of us.

or

I [man/woman], take you to be my partner from this time onward, to join with you, and to share all that is to come, to be your faithful partner, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond; this commitment is made in love, kept in faith and eternally made new.

or

I, [man/woman], take you [woman/man], to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you always, in sickness and in health, in poverty or wealth, in my thoughts and in my speaking. I will be your dearest friend and your lover. I promise to support you in all life's endeavours. With these vows, I commit myself to you.

or

[man/woman], I take you to be my wife/husband, to join with you and to share all that is to come, to be faithful to you, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond. This is my commitment made in love, kept in faith, and eternally made new from this day forward for as long as we both shall live.

### EXCHANGE OF RINGS

The wedding ring is a visible sign of an inner spiritual bond that links [man] and [woman] together. As [man] and [woman] exchange these rings they acknowledge that this is a seal of the vows they have made to each other today.

*[man] would you repeat after me:*

[woman] I give you this ring, as a symbol of the vows and promises, I have made today. With all that I am, and all that I have, I honour you. With this ring I thee wed.

*[woman] would you repeat after me:*

[man] I give you this ring, as a symbol of the vows and promises, I have made today. With all that I am, and all that I have, I honour you. With this ring, I thee wed.

### PROCLAMATION OF THE MARRIAGE

Those who have been joined together in marriage let no one put asunder. [man] and [woman] have declared to each other and those gathered, their desire and intent to come together in marriage by the statement of their vows, the giving and receiving of rings and the joining of hands. I therefore declare them to be husband and wife. You may kiss each other.

## **LIGHTING OF THE CENTRAL CANDLE**

## **READING**

## **REFLECTION ON MARRIAGE**

## **SIGNING THE REGISTER**

Please stand and welcome [name]

## **RECESSIONAL**