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Wedding Ceremony

_____ and _____



PRESENTATION

Pastor to Presenter: “Who gives this woman to be married to this man?”

Presenter: “I do”

Pastor to Guests: You may be seated

WELCOME

Pastor to Gathering: “Dear friends and family, with great affection for _____ and _____, we have gathered together to witness and bless their union in marriage. To this sacred moment they bring the fullness of their hearts as both a treasure and a gift from God to share with one another.

They bring the dreams which bind them together in an eternal commitment. They bring their gifts and talents, their unique personalities and spirit, all of which God will unite together as one as they build their life together. We rejoice with them in thankfulness to the Lord for creating this union of hearts, built on friendship, respect, and love.

Opening Prayer

Pastor to Gathering: “Let's bow our heads. Join us as we pray: Our Father, love has been your richest and greatest gift to the world through your son Jesus Christ. Love between a man and a woman which matures into marriage is one of your most beautiful types of love. Today we celebrate this love. Lord, may your blessing be on this wedding service. Protect, guide and bless _____ and _____ in this marriage. Surround them and us with your love now and always, and let us all say Amen.”

ADDRESS

Pastor to Gathering: “The key to love is inside us all – it takes time and patience to unlock all the ingredients that will take you to its threshold. It is the continual learning process that demands a lot of work . . . but the rewards are more than worth the effort – and that is the key to love. This is now your love, and our Blessings upon you today. And now, in the presence of these guests and before God, we join this loving couple in Holy Marriage.

Pastor to Groom (ask couple to face each other): “_____, do you take _____ to be your wife, to live together in holy matrimony? To love, honor, and cherish her, to keep her in sickness and in health, for as long as you both shall live?”

Groom (_____): “I Do.”

Pastor to Bride: “_____, do you take _____ to be your husband, to live together in holy matrimony? To love, honor, and cherish him, to keep him in sickness

and in health, for as long as you both shall live?"

Bride (_____): "I Do."

To the Groom: " _____, repeat after me: I _____, // take you _____ // 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 // till death do us part. //

To the Bride: " _____, repeat after me: I _____, // take you _____ // to be my husband, // to have and to hold // from this day forward, // for better for worse, // for richer for poorer // in sickness and in health // till death do us part. //

RINGS

Pastor to Bride and Groom (ask for rings – hold up): "May I have the ring(s)?"

Pastor: "The exchange of wedding rings is a visible symbol of an inward bond which unites two loyal hearts in endless love. It is the seal of the vows you two have just made to one another. It symbolizes living together in unity, love and happiness for the rest of your lives."

(return the rings to the Bride and the Groom)

To the Bride: " _____, place the band on _____'s ring finger and repeat after me:"

With this ring // I thee wed. //

To the Groom: " _____, place the band on _____'s ring finger and repeat after me:"

With this ring // I thee wed. //

Pastor: "May this covenant of two hearts in love be everlasting."

CLOSING

Pastor: "Treat yourselves and each other with respect, and remind yourselves often of what brought you two together in the first place. Give the highest priority to the tenderness, gentleness, and kindness that your relationship deserves. When frustration, difficulty and fear assail your relationship – as they threaten all relationships at one time or another – remember to focus on what is right between you, not only the part which seems wrong. In this way, you can ride out the storms when clouds hide the face of the Son in your lives – remembering that even if you lose sight of the sun for a moment, the Son is still there. And if each of takes responsibility for the quality of your life together, it will be marked by abundance and delight."

PRONOUNCEMENT

Pastor: "By virtue of the power vested in me by God, and the given authority of the State of _____, I hereby proclaim you _____ and _____,

to be Husband and Wife.

May God bless you and keep you, and cause His countenance to shine upon you and be gracious to you, and for all the days of your life, May God grant you Peace – In the Name of Jesus Christ – Amen.

THE KISS

Pastor to Couple: “You may now kiss your Bride!”

INTRODUCTION

Pastor to Gathering: “Friends and Family, I would like to present to you, Mr. and Mrs.
_____ and _____!”