

THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY

THE INTRODUCTION – All persons reverently standing.

“Our help is in the name of the Lord.”

“Except the Lord build the house they labour in vain that build it.”

Dearly Beloved: We are met together in the sight of God and in the presence of these witnesses to join together

Name: _____

And

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In the bonds of holy matrimony according to the ordinance of God, the custom of the Christian Church, and the laws of this Province, and to implore on their behalf the blessing of God. .

MARRIAGE is an honorable and holy estate instituted by God, sanctioned and honored by Christ presence at the marriage in Cana of Galilee, and likened by St. Paul to the mystical union which exists between Christ and His Church. It was ordained of God as the foundation and bond of family life, for the mutual help and comfort of husband and wife, and for the welfare of the state.

MARRIAGE is therefore not to be entered upon by any lightly or thoughtlessly, but thoughtfully, reverently, and in the fear of God.

INTO this holy estate these two persons now desire to enter: Therefore, if any man can show any just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now declare it, or forever hold his peace.

MOREOVER I charge you both, before God, the Searcher of all hearts, that if either of you know of any impediment why you may not lawfully be united in marriage, you do now confess it. For be assured that so many as are joined otherwise than God’s Word doth allow are not united by the Lord. Neither is their marriage blessed by Him.

THE SCRIPTURES:

Hear now what the scriptures, written for our help and guidance, teach as touching the duty of God's children to Him and to one another.

CHRIST SAID: John 15:9 "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.."

ST. JOHN SAID: 1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

ST. PAUL SAID: Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

ST. PAUL ALSO SAID: 1 Cor 13:4 Charity (love) suffereth long, and is kind; charity (love) envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Charity (love) never faileth:

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity (love), these three; but the greatest of these is charity (love).

PRAYER:

THE VOWS

WHO GIVETH this woman to be married to this man?

(The father or whoever takes his place shall answer:) - **I DO**

WILT THOU have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour and keep her in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her so long as you both shall live?

(The man shall answer) – **I WILL**

WILT THOU have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honour and keep him in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him so long as you both shall live?

(The woman shall answer) – **I WILL**

PLIGHTING OF THEIR TROTH

Join your right hands and let the man say after me:

I _____ do take thee to be my lawful wedded 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 till death us do part: and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Let the woman say after me:

I _____ do take thee to be my lawful wedded husband; 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 till death us do part: and thereto I plight thee my troth.

RING

The man will then give the ring to the minister who shall say:

_____ DOST THOU give this ring in token that thou wilt keep this covenant and perform these vows?

(The man shall say) - **I DO**

DOST THOU receive this ring in token that thou wilt keep this covenant and perform these vows?

(The woman shall say) – **I DO**

The man shall then place the ring on the third finger of the left hand.

Let this ring continue to you both a symbol of the value, the purity, and the constancy of true wedded love, and a seal of the vows you have now made.

THE DECLARATION

Forasmuch
AS YOU _____

AND YOU _____

Have consented together in wedlock and have pledged your troth to each other in the sight of God an in the presence of this company; (and have confirmed this by the giving and receiving of a ring); now, therefore, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and by the power vested in me by the Province of Ontario, I now pronounce you husband and wife.

Whom, therefore, God hath joined together let not any man put asunder.

PRAYER