

WEDDING CEREMONY

Entry of the Bride

Congregation please stand
(Bride on the left hand of the Groom)
Congregation please be seated.

Declaration of Purpose

Family and friends of the Bride and Groom, we are gathered here this day, in the sight of God to witness the marriage of.....to.....

God instituted the Holy and Sacred estate of marriage. It is God's intention that husband and wife should love each other, be faithful to each other, and that children should be born and brought up surrounded by love. Such marriage must not be entered into lightly, but with mutual respect, with reverence for God, and with the intention to obey His will: then we can be assured that the Lord will guide us and give us His joy and peace.

Sermon (5-6min)

.....and.....seek such Christian marriage. Anyone that knows that they cannot be legally married should say so now. Also I charge you both, that if either of you know any good reason why you may not be legally married, you now declare it.

“Giving of the Bride”

Who gives this woman to be married to this man?
The person presenting the Bride says : “I do!”

The Question

.....will you take.....as your wife in Christian marriage, to live together under the leadership of God and His Word, to love her honour and keep her in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Man answers: "I will."

.....will you take.....as your husband in Christian marriage, to love him, honour and keep him in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Woman answers: "I will."

Congregation please stand for the making of the marriage vows.

The Vows (man and woman face each other)
(man holds woman's right hand in his)

Bridegroom

Ido take you.....to be my lawful wedded wife, in accordance with God's holy will, 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 as long as we both shall live, to this end I pledge you my word.

Bride

I.....do take you.....to be my lawful wedded husband, in accordance with God's holy will, 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 as long as we both shall live, to this end I pledge you my word.

The Giving of the Rings

(Word of explanation – The Best Man places the ring on the Minister's Bible. The Minister gives the ring to the Bridegroom who places it on the fourth finger of the Bride's left hand.)

Bridegroom (Holding the ring)

I give you this ring in the Name of the Lord as a symbol of my word. With my body I honour you, and all that I have I share with you, in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Similarly for the Bride if required.

Bride and Bridegroom face each other and join hands.

Declaration of Marriage

.....and.....you have declared before God and this congregation that you will live together in Christian marriage; you have made sacred promises to each other, and you have symbolised it by joining hands and by giving and receiving ring(s). I therefore pronounce you to be husband and wife in the Name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

What God has joined together let no man put asunder.

Prayer of Blessing (Congregation please sit)

Signing the Register (Then return to the front of the church)
Announcements

Presentation of the Married Couple to the Congregation.
Bridal Party leaves the church building.