



Date of Wedding: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

Will the Wedding be in a Church (circle): **Yes** **No**

Music source if any: _____

Spouse #1

Name: _____

Religion: _____

Previous Marriage (circle): **Yes** **No**

If yes, date of divorce: _____

Children Names and Ages:

Interests:

Spouse #2

Name: _____

Religion: _____

Previous Marriage (circle): **Yes** **No**

If yes, date of divorce: _____

Children Names and Ages:

Interests:



Form of a Catholic Marriage

Opening

Opening song: _____ Media Type: _____

Opening remarks of invitation by the priest/deacon

Opening prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First reading: _____ Person reading: _____
Traditionally from the Old Testament (see below)

Response: _____ Person reading: _____
Traditionally a psalm, poem, blessing, or song

Optional Second reading: _____ Person reading: _____
Traditionally from the New Testament (see below)

Alleluia

Gospel reading: _____ Read by Priest
(see below)

Homily by priest

Rite of Marriage

Introductory and Welcome

“Dearly beloved, we gather here today to celebrate the wedding of _____ and _____.
This is a sacred rite, an ancient rite, as _____ and _____ prepare to join their lives it is
important to understand that everyone present has played a part in shaping their lives, and will
continue to play an important role in their continuing future. And thus, we are here not only
witness their vows to each other but to bestow upon them our blessing.”



Statement of Intentions

Priest: “_____ and _____, have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?”

Couple: Yes/I do

Priest: “Will you love and honor each other as man and wife for the rest of your lives?”

Couple: Yes/I do

(optional) Priest: “Will you accept children lovingly from God, and bring them up according to your faith and morals?”

Couple: Yes/I do

Prayer

“Father, when you created humanity, you willed that man and woman should be one. Bind _____ and _____ in the loving union of marriage and make their love fruitful so that they may be living witnesses to your divine love in the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.” Amen

Reflection on Marriage

Consent or Vows

“Since it is your intention to enter into marriage, join your right hands, and declare your consent before God and his Church.”

Priest: “_____, do you take, _____, for your lawful husband (spouse), to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do you part.”

Response: I do

Priest: “_____, do you take, _____, for your lawful wife (spouse), to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do you part.”

Response: I do

“You have declared your consent before the Church. May the Lord in his goodness strengthen your consent and fill you both with his blessings. What God has joined, let no man divide”



Blessings and Exchange of Rings

“Lord, Bless + and consecrate ____ and ____ in their love for each other. May these rings be a symbol of true faith in each other, and always remind them of their love for one another.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.” Amen

Priest: “_____, take this ring as a sign of _____’s love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

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(Optional) Lighting of the Unity Candle

Music: _____

Nuptial Blessing

Declaration of Marriage

"In the eyes of the Church, you are hereby declared husband and wife. You may now kiss the bride."

Closing Music: _____



Reading Suggestions:

Traditional Old Testament Readings

Gen. 1:26-28,31a “Male and female he created them”

Gen. 2:18-24 “The two of them become one body”

Gen. 24:48-51, 58-67 “In his love for Rebecca, Isaac found solace after the death of his mother”

Tob. 7:6-14 “May the Lord of Heaven prosper you both. May he grant you mercy and peace”

Tob. 8:4b-8 “Allow us to live together to a happy old age”

Prov. 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 “The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised”

Song of Songs 2:8-10,14,16a;8:6-7a “Stern as death is love”

Sir. 26:1-4, 13-16 “Like the sun rising in the Lord’s heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home”

Jer. 31:31-32a, 33-34a “I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah”

Traditional New Testament Readings

Rom. 8:31b-35, 37-39 “What will separate us from the love of Christ?”

Rom. 12:1-2 “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God”

Rom. 15:1b- 3a, 5-7, 13 “Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you”

1 Cor. 6: 13c- 15a, 17-20 “Your body is a temple of the Spirit”

1 Cor. 12:31-13:8a “If I do not have love, I gain nothing”

Eph. 5:2a “This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church”

Phil. 4:4-9 “The God of peace will be with you”

Col. 3:12-17 “And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection”

Heb. 13:1-4a, 5-6b “Let marriage be held in honor by all”

1 Peter 3:1-9 “Be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another”

1 Jn. 3:18-24 “Love in deed and truth”

1 Jn. 4:7-12 “God is love”

Rev. 19:1,5-9a “Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb”

Traditional Gospel Readings

Matt. 5:1-12a “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven”

Matt. 5:13-16 “You are the light of the world”

Matt. 7:21, 24-29 “A wise man built his house on rock”

Matt. 19:3-6 “What God has united, man must not separate”

Matt. 22:35-40 “This is the greatest and the first commandment”

Mark 10:6-9 “They are no longer two, but one flesh”

John 2:1-11 “Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee”

John 15:9-12 “Remain in my love”

John 15:12-16 “This is my commandment: love one another”

John 17:20-26 “That they may be brought to perfection as one”