

Date of Wedding Ceremony: _____

Time of Wedding Ceremony: _____

Location of Wedding Ceremony: _____

Will the Wedding be in a Church? (Circle One): YES NO

Music Source (If any): _____

Notes:

SPOUSE ONE

Name: _____

Religious Affiliation: _____

Previously Married? YES NO *If yes, date of legal divorce:* _____

Children	Age

Interests:

SPOUSE TWO

Name: _____

Religious Affiliation: _____

Previously Married? YES NO *If yes, date of legal divorce:* _____

Children	Age

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:

Traditionally from the Old Testament (see attachments)

Person Reading:

Response:

Traditionally a psalm, poem, blessing, or song

Person Reading:

Optional Second Reading:

Traditionally from the New Testament (see attachments)

Person Reading:

Alleluia

Gospel Reading: Read by Priest

See attachments

Homily by Priest

RITE OF MARRIAGE

Introductory and Welcome:

“Dearly beloved, we are gathered 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 a significant role in their futures. And thus, we are here not only to witness their vows to each other but to bestow upon them our blessings.”

STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS

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

Couple: “Yes/I have”

Priest: “Will you love and honor each other as (husband and wife/husbands/wives) for the rest of your lives?”

Couple: “Yes/I will”

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

Couple: “Yes/I will”

VOWS

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

Priest: “_____, do you take, _____, for your lawful (spouse), to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, (for as long as you both shall live?).

Response: “I do”

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Response: “I do”

Priest: “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 in through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Priest: “_____, take this ring as a sign of _____ 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/husbands/wives/partners in life). You may now kiss your (etc.).”

Closing Music



Attachments for 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”