



Pre-service music:

Song 1:

- Parents/Grandparents enter
- Wedding Party enters
- Ringbearer/flowergirl(s) enter

Song 2:

- Bride enters with father

To the father: "Who gives this woman?"

Opening Prayer

Brief Message

Love is a choice, not just a feeling

- It's a covenant, a promise.
- **1 Cor 13:4** Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. **8** Love never fails.
- **Eph 5:25** For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her...

Trust is earned, not freely given

- Trustworthiness is the goal.
- **Deut 7:9** Understand, therefore, that the lord your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unfailing love on those who love him.

Healthy couples keep talking

- Helps you stay on the same page.
- **Eph 4:29** Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.



Declaration of Intent

_____, do you take _____ to be your wedded wife, to live together in the holy estate of matrimony? Do you promise to love her, comfort her, honor her and keep her, and forsaking all others remain loyal to her as long as you both shall live? If so, say "I do".

Wedding Vows (adapted)

In the sight of God and these witnesses,

I _____ take you _____, to be my wife (husband),

to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death.

I take you, with all your faults and strengths, as I offer myself to you, with all my faults and strengths. I choose you, as my friend and love.

This is my solemn vow.

The Exchange of rings:

_____ I give you this ring, as a symbol of our vows, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, With this ring, I thee wed.

Song 3:

- Lighting of Candles
- Unity Sand
- Communion

Prayer

Declaration

In as much as you have each pledged to the other your lifelong commitment, love and devotion, and by the power vested in me by the state of _____ and the scriptures of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, I now pronounce you husband and wife, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Those whom God has joined together let no one separate.

_____, you may kiss your bride!

Presentation of the couple

Song 4:

Recessional



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1 GENESIS 2

21 So the lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. **22** Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. **23** "At last!" the man exclaimed.

**"This one is bone from my bone,
and flesh from my flesh!
She will be called 'woman,'
because she was taken from 'man.'"**

24 This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

2 MARK 10

6 But 'God made them male and female' from the beginning of creation. **7** 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, **8** and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, **9** let no one split apart what God has joined together."

3 1 CORINTHIANS 13

1 If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. **3** If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. **4** Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud **5** or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. **6** It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. **7** Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

4 PROVERBS 5

18 Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you.
Rejoice in the wife of your youth.

7 ECCLESIASTES 4

9 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. **10** If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

5 PROVERBS 18

22 The man who finds a wife finds a treasure,
and he receives favor from the LORD.

8 SONG OF SONGS 8

7 Many waters cannot quench love,
nor can rivers drown it.
If a man tried to buy love
with all his wealth,
his offer would be utterly scorned.

6 PROVERBS 30

18 There are three things that amaze me—
no, four things that I don't understand:
19 how an eagle glides through the sky,
how a snake slithers on a rock,
how a ship navigates the ocean,
how a man loves a woman.