

Inside Cover certificate

The Marriage Service

Welcome all the friends and family to

_____ and _____ Wedding celebration !

Although this ceremony only lasts but a short moment we are here to encourage and cheer _____ and _____ on in this wonderful lifelong commitment to each other

INTRODUCTION

We are gathered here in the presence of God to join this man to this woman in Holy Marriage, according to the ordinance of God, the tradition of the Christian Church and the Laws of this Province.

We are also asking God on their behalf to bless this marriage with Hope, love and many wonderful life filled years together.

Marriage is the great idea of God, who made us male and female. It was God's desire that marriage would be a symbol of the union and relationship that Christ has with those who love and honor him.

God has declared that a man through marriage shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. He has instructed those in marriage to honor one another deeply and in so doing, become the recipients of the Grace and favor of God.

MARRIAGE IS

A commitment to life

To the best that two people can find and bring out in each other

It brings with it wonderful opportunities for sharing and growth that no other human relationship can equal.

A wife and husband are to be each others best friend, confidant, lover, teacher, listener and shelter from the storms of life.

A marriage is to best if built on understanding and forgiveness for the mistakes that you are unable to avoid.

A union that enables you to take on the best and the worst that life throws at you and come out better, stronger and more in love.

Marriage teaches us that TWO are BETTER than ONE.

Marriage is to be the time of your life, where you celebrate life at its best. The beginning of two hearts becoming one, two embarking on your greatest and most memorable adventure.

Marriage is also a promise. That you make to each other and to God. A promise, that when kept in love opens the way to your best life ever.

The PRESENTATION

In view of these thoughts

Will you _____

Take _____ to be your wife, to live together according to Gods ordinance in this holy act of marriage?

Will you love her, comfort her honor and keep her ,in sickness and in health and forsaking all others, faithfully keep yourself to her alone as long as you both shall live?

Answer: I WILL

Will you _____

Take _____ to be your Husband, to live together according to Gods ordinance in this holy act of marriage?

Will you love him, comfort him honor and keep him,in sickness and in health and forsaking all others, faithfully keep yourself to him alone as long as you both shall live?

Answer: I WILL

Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

SCRIPTURES

Lets hear what the Scriptures have to say about love.

1 COR 13

LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND; LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS OR BOASTFUL;

IT IS NOT ARROGANT OR RUDE. LOVE DOES NOT INSIST ON ITS OWN WAY;

IT IS NOT IRRATABLEOR RESENTFUL; IT DOES NOT REJOICE AT WRONG, BUT REJOICES IN THE RIGHT.

LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS.

LOVE NEVER ENDS.... FAITH HOPE AND LOVE ABIDE;

BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

THE VOWS

Join your right hands together

Let the groom say after me,

I _____ now take you

To be my wife, according to God's holy ordinance, to have and to hold, from this day forward, whether better or worse, whether richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and cherish until separated by death, and now to you and to God, I make this solemn vow and promise.

Let the Bride say after me;

I _____ now take you

To be my husband, according to God's holy ordinance, to have and to hold, from this day forward, whether better or worse, whether richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and cherish until separated by death, and now to you and to God, I make this solemn vow and promise.

PRESENTATION OF THE RINGS

May I please have the rings

A ring is a very important and precious symbol of your faith and love to each other. The ring is made out of precious metal. It is a never ending circle that indicates the continuing love of God. A love, that never fails.

I encourage you to wear these rings as a continual reminder of the confession of faith you have made to each other and to God.

THE RINGS

Groom

You will now place the ring on the third finger of

Left hand and repeat after me.

“I give you this ring as a symbol and pledge of the covenant now made between us”

Bride

You will now place the ring on the third finger of

Left hand and repeat after me.

“I give you this ring as a symbol and pledge of the covenant now made between us”

DECLARATION

Since as you, _____ and you, _____

have made this solemn covenant of marriage before God and before all of us here today, and have pledged your vows to each other, and have confirmed them by the joining of your hands and the giving and receiving of a ring,

I now in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and by the authority given me by the Province of British Columbia, pronounce you Husband and wife.

YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE

May the Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

(Unity candles or alternative)

SIGNING THE MARRIAGE REGISTRY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Before I introduce the happy couple a few announcements are in order:

INTRODUCTION OF THE BRIDE AND BROOM

Ladies and Gentlemen, I now present to you

MR and MRS _____