



Christian Wedding Ceremony

WELCOME STATEMENT

OFFICIANT (to congregation):						
Please be seated. Thank you.						
Welcome Friends, Family, and loved ones! We are gathered together today in the sight of God, his son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, and in the sight of each other as witnesses to celebrate the marriage of and We hold and up to the Lord in fellowship as a family, and a community of loved ones, to bless them as these two become one in what we pray will be a long, happy, and healthy life together!						
SPEECH/SERMON/INTRODUCTION						
OFFICIANT (to congregation): Before we begin, let us bow our heads and pray that God bless and and their new life together.						
(Congregants bow heads)						
(Officiant leads congregation in prayer appropriate to denomination of service - if no prayer is requested or provided by the couple, the following may be used)						
Heavenly Lord, Jesus,						
We ask come here to pray your blessings upon and, and we ask that you						
walk with them together as you've walked with them each in their lives to this point.						
Heavenly father, we know that you have a plan for their lives, and we know that you love them.						
We ask, father, that you keep them committed to you, Lord, and that you keep them						
committed to one another as they begin this journey as one flesh, in your name. Lord						

you've told us in your word, in the book of Jeremiah, that you know the plans you have for						
us Plans to prosper us and not to harm us, but to give us a hope and a future!						
Lord, we ask that for and, today, and we pray that you will heap						
blessings upon them as they walk together with you from today forward.						
In Jesus' Holy name we pray,						
Amen						
CONGREGATION: Amen						
OFFICIANT (to congregation):						
Ladies and gentlemen, when God created Adam at the beginning of all things, He said to Himself in Genesis 2:18, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."						
It's not a part of our makeup to be alone. God didn't design us that way. He made us so that we need to depend on one another. He made us so that we need each other to hold us up, and sometimes carry us through the rough stuff. He made us so that when we triumph, we triumph that much more with each other than we do when we're alone. In fact, the Apostle Paul spoke about how for most people, marriage is necessary in 1 Corinthians 7. He also gave us a vision of holy love in that same book a few chapters later.						
He writes, "Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."						
OFFICIANT (to couple):						
and, I want to urge you to hold to that vision of your love for one another, because that is the kind of love God has planned for your lives, God has a plan for you, and from this day forward, that plan involves God has a plan for you, too. He always has, and that plan, from this day forward, involves						
Keeping this knowledge in your hearts and minds, it's time to declare yourselves to one another.						
DECLARATION OF INTENT						
OFFICIANT (to):						

	, do you take to be your lawfully wedded <i>husband/wife/partner</i> from this day						
	forward - whether times are good or bad, rich or poor, healthy or ill; will you love, honor, and						
	cherish her, and hold her up in faith long as you both shall live?						
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V	OW/RING EXCHANGE						
	OFFICIANT (to couple):						
	,, it's now time to say your vows.						
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	(If the couple do not have their own vows prepared, the following may be used)						
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ı	, please repeat after me:, with this ring, I promise to love, honor, and cherish						
ı	you, and to hold you up in faith, whether times are good or bad, whether we're rich or poor, and						
i	through whatever God has in store for us, as long as I live.						
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PRONOUNCEMENT

OFFICIANT (to couple):			
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	(an	d kiss)	
OFFICIANT (to congregation): Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my!		to present to you <i>Mr./Mrs./Mx.</i> a	nd <i>Mr./Mrs./Mx.</i>
CLOSING STATEMENT			
OFFICIANT (to congregation):			
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