

Wedding Ceremony

Welcome:

Family and friends, out of affection for _____ and ____ we have gathered today to witness and bless their vows of marriage. To this moment they bring the fullness of their hearts, their hopes for the future, and their pledge to make a life and a home together. We rejoice with them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer:

Father and Lord, you are the light that enlightens everyone,
You show us the way, the truth, and the life,
You love us even when we are disobedient,
You sustain us with your Holy Spirit,
We rejoice in your life in the midst of our lives,
We praise you for your presence among us,
Especially at this celebration of the wedding of ____ and ____
Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Sermon

Vows:

Marriage is not only a private matter, it is also the concern of society, the church, and God. In God's presence and in the presence of this congregation we ask that these promises be made public.

Rings: I give you this ring as I give you myself, wear it in peace always.

Unity Candle

Wedding Prayer

Blessed are you, Father and Lord,
Who created joy and gladness, bridegroom and bride,
comfort and delight, love and friendship,
Who established marriage for the happiness
and well-being of men and women,
We thank you for the gift of love to these two,
and we rejoice on this glad occasion,

We put this marriage into your hands,
Surround them with your love now and always,
____ and ____ have joined their lives together,
Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts,
a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their heads.

May they find all the tasks in life easier because they
Approach those tasks together.
In sickness and health may they find your strength,
In doubts and struggles may they see your light,
In hurts and failures may they find your pardon,
In loneliness and desperation may they find your joy,

May they find no cold because each is warmth to the other,
Bless them with your presence here and now and at all times,
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Lord of all hopefulness*