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to the wedding of

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• **Introductory Prayer** •

*(Celebrant)* “Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this couple in holy matrimony. The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by His presence and first miracle at the wedding at Cana in Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and His church, and holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.

The union of marriage is intended by God for their mutual joy, for the help and comfort given each other in prosperity and adversity, and, when it is God’s will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore, marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.”

• **The Interrogation** •

*(Celebrant to the congregation)* “Into this union \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not be lawfully wed, speak now, or else forever hold your peace.”

*(Celebrant to the couple)* “I charge you both, here in the presence of God and the witness of this company, that if either of you know any reason why you may not be married lawfully and in accordance with God’s word, do now confess it.”

(*Celebrant to* ) “ , will you have this [woman, man] to be your [wife, husband], to live together with [her, him] in the covenant of marriage? Will you love [her, him], comfort [her, him], honor and keep [her, him], in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, be faithful unto [her, him] as long as you both shall live?”

( ) “I will.”

(*Celebrant to* ) “ , will you have this [man, woman] to be your [husband, wife], to live together with [him/her] in the covenant of marriage? Will you love [him/her], comfort [him/her], honor and keep [him/her], in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, be faithful unto [him/her] as long as you both shall live?”

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(*Celebrant to the congregation*) “Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?”

(*Congregation responds*) “We will.”

## • The Presentation •

(*Celebrant*) “Who gives “ to be married to “ ?”

(“ or “ ‘s father) “[He, she] gives [himself, herself], with the blessing of [his, her] mother and father.”

## • Vows Exchange •

( to ) “In the name of God, I, , take you, , to be my [wife, husband], to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer and for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until death do we part. This is my solemn vow.”

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## • The Blessing and Exchange of Rings •

*(Celebrant)* “Bless, O Lord, these rings as a symbol of the vows by which this couple have bound themselves to each other, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

*(Congregation responds)* “Amen.”

[Partner A and Partner B place the rings on each other’s fingers]

(                    ) “I give you this ring as a symbol of my love, 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.”

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*(Celebrant)* “Now that                    and                    have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of rings, I pronounce them [husband and wife, husband and husband, wife and wife] in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Those who God has joined together, let no man put asunder.”

*(Congregation responds)* “Amen.”

## • Concluding Prayers •

*(All)* “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive

those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

*(Celebrant)* “May God bless you and keep you; may the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, filling you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. Amen.”

*(Celebrant to the congregation)* “The peace of the Lord be with you always.”

*(All respond)* “And also with you.”

*(Celebrant)* “ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, having witnessed your vows of love to one another, it is my joy to present you to all gathered here as [husband and wife, husband and husband, wife and wife]. You may now kiss!”

### • Closing/Invitation to Reception •

*(Celebrant)* “Thank you all for joining in this joyous occasion for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
! They now invite you to join them for a reception at [LOCATION]. Thank you all!”