

## **GIVING OF THE RINGS:**

*MAN:*

*WOMAN'S NAME* with this ring I wed you/  
with all that I am/  
and all that I have I honour you/  
In the name of God. Amen.

*WOMAN:*

I receive this ring in symbol of our marriage/  
God enable us to grow together in love.

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**THE PASTOR SAYS, "YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE."**

**THE DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE**

**PRAYER**

**BIBLE READING**

**BIBLE TALK and PRAYER**

**SONG/HYMN?** (optional)

**BENEDICTION**

**SIGNING OF THE REGISTER** (At a table in the stage area of the church)

The documents (3 of them) are signed in this order:

1. bride signs
2. groom
3. Bride's witness
4. Groom's witness
5. PASTOR

**PHOTOS AT TABLE**

**PRESENTATION OF THE COUPLE**

**RECESSIONAL**

The pastor announces the couple, "Ladies and gentlemen...please be upstanding for..."

[the couple should tell you what their preference is for this prior to the day]

The bridal party leaves the church in this order:

1. bride & groom,
2. best man & bridesmaid,
3. groomsman & 2nd bridesmaid. etc.



# PREPARING FOR YOUR WEDDING CEREMONY

A document to help you plan your wedding ceremony

## CHECK-LIST

- Names of bridal party, have you given them to the Pastor?
- Songs? Have you discussed these with the Pastor?
- Have you asked someone to produce and print a wedding service booklet? You can simply do it on a personal computer or ask professionals to do it.
- Is there a nice pen for the signing photos?
- Have you organised flowers for the church?
- Are you having decorations at the ends of the seats in the church? There are \_\_\_ seat ends in the church aisle.
- Audio system available for any recorded music. Do you need musicians for songs and music during the service?
- What seats need to have a reserved sign on them?
- Do you have a slide background you would like used on the screen?
- Have you talked to the pastor about what you want your guests to be told about taking photos during the service?
- Do you want the bible reading on the screen?
- Does insurance for the morning tea etc need to be organised (PCQ Churches)
- Do you want guests to take photos after register is signed?
- Who is walking the bride down the aisle? Have you told the pastor?
- Who will be answering the question "Who gives this woman?"?
- Before the Recessional, the pastor will 'present you' to the congregation. You can be announced in a number of possible ways. Just first names. First and last names. Formally as Mr and Mrs ... etc. Think about how you'd like to be introduced, and discuss with the pastor
- Has the pastor given the couple the "Happily Ever Before and After" pamphlet?

## THE CHURCH SERVICE

### BEFORE THE CEREMONY STARTS:

10 Minutes before Bride is due, Pastor prays with men in the bridal party. They will then walk into the church and take their places.

Pastor will do any house keeping messages.

### BRIDAL PARTY ENTERS CHURCH

### WELCOME FROM THE PASTOR

SONG/HYMN? (Songs are optional)

### THE VOWS:

### INTRODUCTION FROM THE PASTOR

### LEGAL IMPEDIMENT

"Recognising that they are answerable to God, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ have declared that they know of no reason why their marriage would not be lawful.

### TO THE CONGREGATION

Does anyone know of any reason why the marriage would not be lawful?

### THE CONSENT

*MAN'S NAME*, will you have *WOMAN'S NAME* as your wife, to live together as God has ordained, in marriage?

Will you love her, honour and protect her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her, as long as you both shall live?

(MAN answers, "I will")

*WOMAN'S NAME*, will you have *MAN'S NAME* as your husband, to live together as God has ordained, in marriage?

Will you love him, honour and protect him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him, as long as you both shall live?

WOMAN answers, "I will")

PASTOR asks, "Please face each other and join hands."

### THE VOWS:

*MAN*.

In the presence of God and before this gathering/

I *MAN'S NAME*/

do take you *WOMAN'S NAME*/

to be my wife/

to have and to hold from this day forward/

for better, for worse/

for richer, for poorer/

in sickness and in health/

to love and to cherish/

until we are parted by death/

This is my solemn vow.

*WOMAN*:

In the presence of God and before this gathering/

I *WOMAN'S NAME*/

do take you *MAN'S NAME*/

to be my husband/

to have and to hold from this day forward/

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