

THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

A WORSHIP SERVICE

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

———— MIDTOWN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA ————

THE MARRIAGE SERVICE

FORMAL SEATING OF PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

PROCESSIONAL

The bride, groom, and wedding party stand in front of the minister.

WELCOME

DECLARATION OF INTENTION *(optional)*

Minister says to the families:

Will all of you, by God's grace, uphold and care for (name) and (name) in their life together?

We will.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(1 of 2 options)*

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(2 or 3, chosen by the bride & groom)*

SERMON

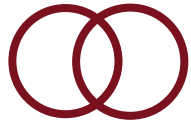
THE CHARGE

The Lord God in his goodness created us male and female, and by the gift of marriage founded human community in a joy that begins now and is brought to perfection in the life to come.

Because of sin, our age-old rebellion, the gladness of marriage can be overcast and the gift of family can become a burden.

But because God, who established marriage, continues still to bless it with his abundant and ever-present support, we can be sustained in our weariness and have our joy restored.

(Name) and (name), if it is your intention to share with each other your joys and sorrows and all that the years will bring, with your promises bind yourselves to each other as husband and wife.



The bride and groom join hands.

VOWS (*chosen by the bride & groom*)

GIVING OF RINGS

The minister says:

The wedding ring is the outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, signifying the uniting of this man and this woman in holy matrimony, through the church of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us Pray. Bless, O Lord, the giving of these rings; may they who wear them live in love and fidelity, and continue in your service all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The bride and groom exchange rings with these words:

I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

ACCLAMATION OF MARRIAGE

The bride and groom join hands, and the minister announces their marriage by saying:

(Name) and (name), by their promises before God and in the presence of this assembly, have joined themselves to one another as husband and wife. Blessed be the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Those whom God has joined together let no one separate. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE UNITY CANDLE (*optional*)

The bride and groom may kneel.

MARRIAGE BLESSING (*1 of 2 options*)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*2 of 3 options*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING (*1 of 3 options*)

PRESENTATION

RECESSIONAL

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