

Prelude

(Music)

Seating of Guests/Family

Processional

Greeting

Friends and family, we have come together to witness the joining of Sarah and William in Matrimony. This is a special time of celebration that Sarah and William will long remember, and because of this, they are thankful that you are here to share their joy.

Invocation

Sarah and William, today is one of the happiest days of your lives. A marriage is a promise to be kind and understanding, to be thoughtful, considerate, and to share one life together. This love you share will grow with caring kindness, compassion and tenderness. Marriage continues your life of giving and sharing, nurturing and support.

Often marriage is viewed as the coming together of only two persons. In reality, however, marriage is much broader. As we give thanks for the love that brings Sarah and William together, so, too, we recognize the merging of families taking place and the additional love and responsibility family and friends bring to this relationship.

Declaration of Intent

William and Sarah, have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage/ **We have**

Will you love and honor each other as husband and wife for as long as you both shall live? **We will.**

Exchange of Vows/Rings

The circle has long been a symbol for marriage. These circles are made of precious metal to represent the precious nature of your relationship. Being unbroken circles, each represents unending love. As often as either of you look upon these rings, may you be reminded of this moment and the love you have promised.

Now William please acknowledge your intent for Sarah:

Do you take this woman for your lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health as long as we both shall live. If so, please answer, **I do**.

Now Sarah please acknowledge your intent for William:

Do you take this man for your lawful wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health as long as we both shall live. If so, please answer, **I do**.

Nuptial Blessing

By your free choice you have made a marriage.

No matter what the demands on your lives and your time,

The meaning of your living is now known through your love.

You must nurture each other to fullness and wholeness,

renew yourselves in love and laughter, maintain the capacity for wonder, spontaneity, humor, sensitivity, and save time for each other.

Declaration of Marriage

Before this gathering, Sarah and William have promised each other their undying love and have exchanged rings to wear as a sign of their everlasting commitment to each other. By the power vested in me, I now pronounce you husband and wife. William, you may kiss the bride!

Recessional

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