

Sample of the Ceremony

Order of Ceremony

Prelude Music
Lighting of Candles
Seating of Mothers & Grandmothers

*****Processional**

Welcome

On behalf of Adam & Eve, welcome to this place and thank you for your love and support.

- **This is a Holy and Happy Hour**
- **Holy** b/c marriage was founded and is blessed by God.
 - o The Bible teaches us that marriage is to be a permanent relationship between a man & a woman who are totally & completely devoted to one another for life.
- **Happy** b/c these two have found their heart's desire. . .
- **Marriage is the cornerstone of our society. As the family goes, so goes the nation.**
- **As you witness this covenant today, Our prayer is, if you are single, you will only settle for the mate which God has for you. If you are married, as you hear the vows, and see the ceremony, that your commitment & love for your spouse will be strengthened and renewed.**
- **The circumstance of marriage is, today, special. Today we are joining a family. A family that will be completed by the union of these two hearts.**
- **The foundation of marriage is love. Let's look at 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8 and get God's idea of true love**

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a NKJV)

Pray

"Who gives this woman to marry this man?"

Step up

You maybe seated

Message: "God's Garden"

Hear the history of God's uniting man and woman from His own Word:

Genesis 2 7,8, 15-25

7 the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;

17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

19 Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh.

22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

25 The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

- 1) This Marriage is your garden
 - a. Plant good seeds –
 - b. Love, respect, honor, servanthood
- 2) Work it
 - a. Work it – A Good marriage takes time & effort.
 - b. Make your weak points stronger and your strong points stronger
 - c. Pay the price to have a great family
- 3) Care for it – guard it, protect it
 - a. In a garden weeds spring up, problems will come, difficulties will occur
 - b. Be faithful to watch over and pull out the bad "Don't Let the Sun"
 - c. Protect it – Adam, you are the strongman Matt 12:29
- 4) Rib taken from the side – not the head or the foot
- 5) Keep it pure "They were both naked and not ashamed"
 - a. Be honest and open
 - b. Nothing to hide

Pray – Help and Grace, strength

Charges & Vows

Face each other

Join your right hands

Adam: As God's minister, I charge you... to make this woman your wife and friend... and to love her as Christ loves His people... I charge you to pray for her daily... to assist and encourage her to become whatever God would have her to be... To make her happiness and spiritual well being the focus of your lives together... to accept the responsibility for the spiritual well-being of the family... and finally I charge you, that if you should fail her in any way, you would remain with her and redeem and restore the relationship... Do you accept this charge?

Adam.., Please repeat after me... I Adam... Take you, Eve... To be my lawfully wedded 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... Honor and protect... To place your needs above mine... and care for you... as God would have me to... As long as we both shall live...

Eve: As God's minister, I charge you...to make this man your husband and your friend... and to love him as Christ loves his people! I charge you to pray for him daily and to assist and encourage him to become whatever God would have him to be... I charge you to make his happiness and spiritual well-being the focus of your lives together... to accept responsibility for your part in the spiritual well-being of the family... I finally charge you, that if you should fail him in any way, you should remain with him and restore and redeem the relationship... Do you accept this charge?

Eve, please repeat after me... I Eve... take you, Adam... to be my lawfully wedded husband... 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... honor and respect... to place your needs above mine... and to care for you... as God would have me to... As long as we both shall live...

Adam & Eve: I charge the two of you to seek the wisdom that comes from God in your daily decisions... and to allow His Holy Spirit to be a welcome guest in your home and lives together! I charge you to make your home an example for hurting couples! Do you accept this charge?

Understanding the seriousness of this union, Do you promise to love and to cherish each other, to honor and to sustain each other in sickness as in health... in poverty as in wealth... in dark days and cheerful days... and to remain true to each other as long as you both shall live. ??

Then in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, You are devoted to each other as long as you both shall live!!!

Exchange of Rings

May I have the rings?

These rings are an outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible grace which unites the two of you.

CIRCLE (unending)- Gold (that which is perfected thru fire)-

Diamond (Hardest substance, last forever)

Adam, please repeat after me: You are my life...my love... my best friend...and with this ring...I promise my love ...may this ring... be a daily reminder... of the sacred commitment...I am making here today

Eve, please repeat after me: You are my life...my love... my best friend...and with this ring...I promise my love ...may this ring... be a daily reminder... of the sacred commitment...I am making here today

Unity Candle

with a song

Prayer of Blessing

- 1) Break every other covenant that would hinder this union
- 2) Bless them – Ears to hear, Eyes to see, a heart to understand
- 3) To fulfill your will & plan

Communion (with instrumental)

Adam and Eve will now partake in Holy Communion.

Pronouncement

In recognition of your vows and promises before God and these witnesses, I pronounce you Husband and Wife.

You may kiss your bride

Ladies and Gentlemen: It is my honor to present to you Mr. & Mrs. Adam
(Give roses to mothers)

Thank you for joining us today

Everyone is invited to the reception immediately following