

THE ORDER FOR MARRIAGE

BULLETIN

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Full name & _____
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Date | _____
Time

Please refrain from taking photos during the ceremony and make sure to turn off all cell phones.

The congregation is asked to participate by reading the responses in bold.

PRELUDE _____

PROCESSIONAL _____

GATHERING

GREETING

Remembering our baptism, we begin in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Name and name have come to make their marriage vows in the presence of God and of this assembly. The uniting of this man/woman and this man/woman in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy, for the help and comfort they give one another in prosperity and adversity, and that their love may be a blessing to all whom they encounter.

Let us now witness their promises to each other and surround them with our prayers, giving thanks to God for the gift of marriage and asking God's blessing upon them, that they may be strengthened for their life together and nurtured in the love of God.

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

A: Name, will you have name to be your wife/husband, to live together 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 to her/him as long as you both shall live?

B: Name, will you receive name as your wife/husband and bind yourself to her/him in the covenant of marriage? Will you promise to love and honor her/him in true devotion, to rejoice with her/him in times of gladness, to grieve with her/him in times of sorrow, and to be faithful to her/him as long as you both shall live?

Bride/Groom: I will.

Families, friends, and all those gathered here with name and name, will you support and care for them, sustain and pray for them in times of trouble, give thanks with them in times of joy, honor the bonds of their covenant, and affirm the love of God reflected in their life together?

We will.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

_____ **A:** Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people. Enrich name and name with every good gift, that their life together may show forth your love; and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with Christ the marriage feast that has no end; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

_____ **B:** Eternal God, our creator and redeemer, as you gladdened the wedding at Cana in Galilee by the presence of your Son, so bring your joy to this wedding by his presence now. Look in favor upon name and name and grant that they, rejoicing in all your gifts, may at length celebrate the unending marriage feast with Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please sit.

WORD *(See p. 8 for suggested readings)*

FIRST LESSON _____

PSALM *[opt.]* _____

SECOND LESSON _____

SOLO or HYMN *[opt.]* _____

GOSPEL _____

SERMON _____

HYMN OR SOLO *[opt.]* _____

RITE OF MARRIAGE

VOWS

Name and name, I invite you to declare your vows to one another.

_____ **A:** I take you, name, to be my wife/husband from this day forward, to join with you and share all that is to come, and I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us.

_____ **B:** In the presence of God and this community, I, name, take you, name, to be my wife/husband; to have and to hold from this day forward, in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

_____ **C:** I take you, name, to be my wife/husband, and these things I promise you: I will be faithful to you and honest with you; I will respect, trust, help, and care for you; I will forgive you as we have been forgiven; and I will share my life with you, through the best and worst of all that is to come, until death parts us.

_____ **D:** I take you, to be my wife/husband. I promise before God and these witnesses to be your faithful husband/wife, to share with you in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, to forgive and strengthen you and to join with you so that together we may serve God and others as long as we both shall live.

_____ **E:** I, name, take you, name, to be my wedded wife/husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy word; and therefore I pledge you my love.

GIVING OF RINGS

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God of grace, for your love and faithfulness to your people. May these rings be symbols of the promise name and name have made with each other; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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

ACCLAMATION

Name and name, by their promises before God and in the presence of this assembly, have joined themselves to one another. Those whom God has joined together let no one separate.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

MARRIAGE BLESSING

_____ **A:** Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to endure the cross for our sake, that we may have abundance of life.

By the power of your Holy Spirit pour out the abundance of your blessing on name and name. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let your love be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads.

Bless them so that their lives together may bear witness to your love. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death.

Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that table where your saints feast forever in your heavenly home, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

_____ **B:** The Lord God, who created our first parents and established them in marriage, establish and sustain you, that you may find delight in each other and grow in holy love until your life's end.

Amen.

SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE LICENSE

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this day of rejoicing, let us bless God for divine love made flesh in Jesus Christ.

We praise you, O God, for the joy that name and name have found in each other, and we pray that their love and faithfulness may reflect your gracious love and enrich our common life.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give them gentleness and patience, affection and understanding, readiness to trust one another, and, when they hurt each other, grace to acknowledge their fault and to give and receive forgiveness.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen and bless friends and family gathered here, even as we call to mind those who are absent from us. Console those who mourn the loss of loved ones, and be present with those for whom love is a stranger.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to you, merciful God, for those who have died. Strengthen us by the example of the saints, and bring us all to the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most gracious God, you have made us in your image and given us over to one another's care. Hear the prayers of your people, that unity may overcome division, hope vanquish despair, and joy conquer sorrow; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If the service continues with Communion see section on Communion; if not, the service continues below

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 and ever. Amen.

SENDING

Please stand.

BLESSING

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

Amen.

_____ *[opt.]* PRESENTATION OF COUPLE _____

RECESSIONAL _____

POSTLUDE _____

“After the ceremony” instructions [opt.]

“In memory” message [opt.]

_____ [OPT.] COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God.....now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER (*spoken or sung with or without communion*)

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THE COMMUNION

Please sit.

All the baptized are welcome to communion at this service. You may either drink from the chalice or dip the bread into the chalice. Those who wish to come forward but not commune, are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisle.

_____ [opt.] MUSIC DURING COMMUNION _____

SENDING

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BLESSING

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Please PRINT CLEARLY names and relations as you wish them to appear in the bulletin.

PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister
Preaching Minister
Minister (additional).....
Organist
Lector(s) *Relation*
..... *Relation*
..... *Relation*
Soloist(s) *Relation*
..... *Relation*
Acolyte(s) *Relation*
..... *Relation*

Please LIST COUPLES TOGETHER and use additional lines for separate households.

Parents
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Parents
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Grandparents
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Grandparents
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THE WEDDING PARTY

List below wedding party. May include Best Man, Groomsmen, Maid of Honor,/Matron of Honor, Bridesmaids, et al.

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Other (ring bearer, flower girl, et al.)

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SUGGESTED READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 1:26-28 (31a)	<i>Woman and man created in the image of God</i>
Genesis 2:18-24	<i>Companionship rather than loneliness</i>
Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67	<i>Rebekah agrees to marry Isaac</i>
Ruth 1:15-18	<i>Your people will be my people, and your God my God</i>
Proverbs 3:3-6	<i>Loyalty and faithfulness written on the heart</i>
Song of Solomon 2:10-13	<i>The voice of the beloved</i>
Song of Solomon 8:6,7a	<i>Set me as a seal upon your heart</i>
Song of Solomon 8:6-7	<i>Many waters cannot quench love</i>
Isaiah 63:7-9	<i>God's steadfast love lifts up the people</i>
Jeremiah 31:31-34 (or Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a)	<i>The new covenant of the people of God</i>

PSALMS

67	<i>May God be merciful to us and bless us</i>
100	<i>We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture</i>
117	<i>The steadfast love of the Lord</i>
121	<i>The Lord keeps watch over you</i>
127	<i>Unless the Lord builds the house</i>
128	<i>Blessed are those who walk in the Lord's ways</i>
150	<i>Let everything that breathes praise the Lord</i>

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 (or Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39)	<i>If God is for us, who is against us</i>
Romans 12:1-2, 9-18 (or Romans 12:1, 9-13)	<i>A living sacrifice and genuine love</i>
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20	<i>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him</i>
1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13	<i>The greatest gift is love</i>
Ephesians 3:14-19	<i>The breadth, length, height and depth of Christ's love</i>
Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33 (or Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33)	<i>Walk in love, as Christ loved us</i>
Philippians 4:4-9	<i>Rejoice in the Lord always</i>
Colossians 3:12-17	<i>Clothed in compassion, kindness, meekness and patience</i>
1 John 3:18-24 (or 1 John 4:7-12)	<i>Let us love in truth and action</i>
1 John 4:7-16	<i>Let us love one another for love is of God</i>
Revelation 19:1, 5-9a	<i>Let us rejoice and exult...for the marriage of the Lamb has come</i>

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12a (or Matthew 5:1-10)	<i>The beatitudes</i>
Matthew 5:13-15	<i>Salt of the earth and light of the world</i>
Matthew 5:14-16	<i>You are the light, let your light shine</i>
Matthew 7:21, 24-29	<i>A wise person builds upon the rock</i>
Matthew 19:3-6	<i>What God has united must not be divided</i>
Matthew 22:35-40	<i>Love, the greatest commandment</i>
Mark 10:6-9	<i>They are no longer two but one</i>
John 2:1-11	<i>The wedding at Cana</i>
John 15:9-12 (or John 15:9-17)	<i>Love one another as I have loved you</i>

SUGGESTED MUSIC (for organ)

Wedding Party Processional

Air (Orch. Suite in D) J. S. Bach

Concerto in G Major – Allegro arr. J. S. Bach

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J. S. Bach

Prelude on Rhosymedre R. Vaughan Williams

Air (Water Music Suite) G. F. Handel

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (BWV 654) J.S. Bach

Trumpet Tune in D Major David Johnson

Trumpet Tune in C Major David Johnson

Trumpet Voluntary Jeremiah Clarke

Trumpet Tune Henry Purcell Trumpet Air Henry Purcell Rigaudon Andre Campra

Air (Orch. Suite in D) J. S. Bach

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Recessional

Rigaudon Andre Campra

The Rejoicing (Fire Works Suite) G. F. Handel

Allegro Maestoso (Water Music Suite) G. F. Handel

Toccata (5th Symphony) Charles-Marie Widor

Finale (Organ Symphony No. 1) Louis Vierne

Prelude in G Major (BWV 541) J. S. Bach

Requests for specific organ pieces are always welcome.

Trumpet? Contract separately with Matt Sundell (matthew.sundell@gmail.com).

Contact Andrew Schaeffer (schaeffer@luthermem.org) with questions, thoughts and ideas.