Return to Officiating Pastor

SUGGESTED ORDER OF SERVICE

1. **The Pre-service Music **** _____ _____

2. **The Seating of Families**

3. **The Lighting of the Candles **** – *Who will light the unity candles?* Usher | Mothers | Parents

4. **The Processional *** _____

5. **The Bride's Processional *** _____

6. **The Invocation**

7. **The Presentation of the Bride**

8. **The Opening Prayer**

9. **The Scripture Lessons **** *Please take time together in God's Word and select His Word for you on your wedding day. Please include 3 or less.*

Old Testament Choice

- ☐ Psalm 100
- ☐ Psalm 128
- ☐ Psalm 150
- ☐ Genesis 1:26-31
- ☐ Genesis 2:18-24
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 3:1-3
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 4:8-12
- ☐ Ruth 1:16-17
- ☐ Song of Songs 2:10-17
- ☐ Isaiah 63:7-9

New Testament Choice

- ☐ Romans 12:1-3, 9-13
- ☐ 1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13
- ☐ Ephesians 5:21-33
- ☐ Philippians 1:27 – 2:5
- ☐ Philippians 4:4-7 (8-9)
- ☐ Colossians 3:12-17
- ☐ 1 Peter 1:13-16, 22-25
- ☐ 1 Peter 3:8-9
- ☐ 2 Peter 1:3-11
- ☐ 1 John 3:18-24
- ☐ 1 John 4:7-12

Gospel Lesson Choice

- ☐ Matthew 19:4-6
- ☐ Matthew 22:36-40
- ☐ John 2:1-10
- ☐ John 15:9-12

10. **The Wedding Homily** ** - *Text* _____ *Theme* _____

11. **The Special Music * -** *Optional after homily* _____

12. **The Statement of Intent **** - *Please check the Declaration you desire for your wedding. Also indicate whether you wish to answer with "I will" or "I do."*

_____ (_____), will you have (do you intend to have) this woman (man) to be your wife (husband), to live with her (him) in holy marriage according to God's Word? Will you love her (him), serve her (him), comfort her (him), honor her (him), and keep her (him) in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, be husband (wife) to her (him) as long as you both shall live?

Answer after each: I will. (I do.)

or

_____ (_____), will (do) you here in the presence of God and these witnesses declare your commitment to (_____) and choose her (him) as the one with whom you wish to spend your life? Will (do) you give yourself to her (him) and accept the gift of self which she (he) gives to you? Will (Do) you pledge to endure all the difficulties which life may offer, even as you look forward to sharing the joys to be experienced together?

Answer after each: I will. (I do.)

13. The Vows ** - *Please check the vows you desire for your wedding.*

_____ I, _____, in the presence of God and these witnesses take you, _____, to be my wife (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, until death parts us, and I pledge you my faithfulness.

_____ 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 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.

_____ I take you, _____, 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 share my life with you; I will forgive you as we have been forgiven; and I will try with you better to understand ourselves, the world, and God; through the best and the worst of what is to come as long as we live.

_____ *Other:* _____

14. The Exchange of Rings

Receive this ring as a token (*or* sign *or* symbol) of my wedded love and faithfulness.

15. The Pronouncement of Marriage

16. The Lighting of the Unity Candle

17. The Wedding Prayer(s)

18. The Lord's Prayer

19. The Benediction

20. The Introduction of the Couple ** - *Select whether you want formal, Mr. and Mrs._____, or informal with first names.*

21. The Recessional

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* *Soloist or special music may be appropriate in these sections of the service.*
** *The double asterisk indicates sections of the service where the couple may make selections.*

Special Additions _____

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