

Traditional Christian Wedding Ceremony Script

B _____ = Brides First Name **G** _____ = Grooms First Name

Processional

Play Introductory Music

The Welcome Statement

Celebrant: Dearly beloved, we meet here today to witness a sacred ceremony in the union of B _____ and G _____. With great respect, we come together to celebrate the love and devotion shared by these two children of God. We are undoubtedly blessed to be joined today by family and friends. B _____ and G _____ are honored that you could be here to participate in this important moment in their lives.

As the Bible states in Corinthians, “If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but if I do not have love, I am nothing.”

Over the course of their relationship, B _____ and G _____ have developed a strong bond based on shared values and mutual respect and compassion for one another. With a solid foundation from which to grow, they have made the decision to take the oath of marriage and spend the rest of their lives together.

Let us rejoice in the love on display here today. May we treasure these memories as B _____ and G _____, Under the eyes of God, get set to begin their lives together.

Family Blessing

Celebrant: Who gives this bride?

Bride's Companion: I do.

Wedding Sermon

Celebrant: (Addressing the guests) Marriage should be a respected institution, and one deserving of deep reverence. Today we observe the union of B _____ and G _____ in holy matrimony, a commitment they have chosen to take upon themselves with all the sincerity that it warrants.

While marriage is a sacred and serious tradition, it is also cause for tremendous joy in your lives. Married life is full of surprises, adventures, and memory-making all made possible by the enduring power of love. When B _____ bride and Groom finalize this union, they will begin a new life of partnership, one defined by shared desires, goals, and successes.

Celebrant: (Addressing the couple) B _____ and G _____, as you learn to live together as one, you will face many challenges that can help you grow. I encourage you to spend time doing the things that make life precious – support each other, always make time to laugh together, and never lose appreciation for the love that you share. Remember to cling to the vows that you will make today. Seeking strength from each other, give hope to one another, and let your trials help you grow as one. They say love can build bridges and climb mountains — and they're right. You will find that as you grow and mature over time, your love for one another will prove to be both fulfilling and empowering.

There will be challenges in your life, but the strength of your bond will offer you protection against whatever life puts in front of you. Always make your relationship a priority, and continue to care for each other. Through a commitment to love, and with the power of faith, together you will be able to get through any obstacles that come your way.

Consecration

Celebrant: Under the eyes of God, I solemnly bear witness to these matrimonial proceedings. I will now finalize the sacred covenant you shall both enter into on this day.

The rite of marriage is an ancient institution, an important ritual that binds two people together for the rest of their days. Today, as you form this union, you're choosing to take a vow that is as sacred today as it was to your ancestors.

The Bible makes note of the power of partnership in Ecclesiastes. It reminds us that "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?"

Vows

Celebrant: B _____ and G _____, I now invite you to express your vows to one another. Please face each other as you say these vows before God and in the presence of your family and friends.

B _____, you may start.

Bride: I, B _____, take you, G _____, to be my lawfully wedded husband. I promise to keep you by my side through the good times and the bad, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. I vow to stay true to you, honor you, and love you for the rest of my days, until death do us part.

Celebrant: Groom, now is the time for your promise.

Groom: I, G _____, take you, B _____, to be my lawfully wedded wife. I promise to keep you by my side through good times and bad, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. I vow to stay true to you, honor you, and love you for the rest of my days, until death do us part.

Declaration of Intent

Celebrant: B _____ and G _____, please join hands. Under the eyes of God, Groom, do you take Bride to be your lawfully wedded wife? Do you promise to support her completely and love her unconditionally, so long as you both shall live?

Groom: I do.

Celebrant: Under the eyes of God, B _____, do you take G _____ to be your lawfully wedded husband? Do you promise to support him completely and love him unconditionally, so long as you both shall live?

Bride: I do.

Celebrant: Very well, let us proceed.

Ring Exchange

Celebrant: It is now time to exchange the rings. The circle formed by each ring is a symbol of your love and eternal commitment to one another. May these rings remind you always of these divine promises you've made to each other today in the company of your family and friends.

G _____, you will go first. Please repeat after me as you place the ring on the hand of your loved one.

I, G _____, give you, B _____ — this ring as a symbol of my love, — commitment, and the eternal vows — we have made today to each other. With this ring, I wed.

B _____, your turn.

I, B _____, give you, G _____ — this ring as a symbol of my love, — commitment, and the eternal vows — we have made today to each other. With this ring, I wed.

Pronouncement

Celebrant: By the power vested in me, by the state of _____ I pronounce you, G _____ and B _____ as husband and wife.

Kiss

Celebrant: G _____, you may now kiss the bride.

Presentation

Celebrant: Ladies and gentlemen, it is with great honor that I present to you, Mr. and Mrs.
G _____ and B _____ Last Name _____!!

Recessional

Play Exit Music