

WEDDING SELECTIONS

Order of Service: from Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Entrance

Greeting

INTRODUCTION

Declaration of Intention

Prayer of the Day

Readings

Sermon

Vows

Giving of Rings

When rings are to be exchanged, they may be placed on the service book of the minister or held by an assisting minister.

Acclamation

Marriage Blessing

The couple may kneel. The presiding minister may extend a hand over the couple while praying for God's blessing in the following or similar words.

Parents or others may speak additional words of blessing and encouragement at this time.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Dismissal

Scripture Selections:

Old Testament

Genesis 1.26-31 Humankind is created by God

Genesis 2.18-24 Created for relationship

Proverbs 3.3-6 Loyalty and faithfulness written on the heart

Ecclesiastes 4.9-12 The value of two together

Song of Solomon 2.10-13 The voice of the beloved; Song of two lovers

Song of Solomon 8.6-7 Many waters cannot quench love

Isaiah 63.7-9 God's steadfast love lifts up the people

Jeremiah 31.31-34 The new covenant of the people of God

Psalms 33 The Lord is our help and our shield (33.20), Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we have put our trust in you (33:22)

Psalms 67 May God be merciful to us and bless us

Psalms 100 We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture (100.2), Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving (100.3)

Psalms 117 The steadfast love of the Lord

Psalms 121 The Lord keeps watch over you

Psalms 127 Unless the Lord builds the house, Children are a heritage from the LORD (127.4)

Psalms 128 Happy are they who follow in the ways of the LORD (128.1)

Psalms 136 God's mercy endures forever (136.1b)

Psalms 150 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD (150.6)

New Testament Letters

Romans 12.1-2, 9-18 A living sacrifice and genuine love

I Corinthians 12.31 - 13.13 The greatest gift is love

Ephesians 3.14-19 The breadth, length, height and depth of Christ's love

Ephesians 5.21-33 Walk in love, as Christ loved us

Philippians 4.4-9 Rejoice in the Lord always

Colossians 3.12-17 Clothed in compassion, kindness, meekness and patience 9

1 John 3.18-23 Let us love in truth and action

1 John 4.7-12 Let us love one another for love is of God

New Testament Gospels (One Gospel reading must be chosen if you are having communion)

Matthew 5.14-16 You are the light, let your light shine

Matthew 7.21, 24-29 A wise person builds upon the rock

Matthew 19.4-6 What God has united must not be divided

Matthew 22.35-40 Love, the greatest commandment

Mark 10.6-9 They are no longer two but one

John 2.1-10 The wedding at Cana

John 15.9-12 Love one another as I have loved you

VOWS

(1) I take you, _____, 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.

(2) 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.

(3) _____, I take you to be my wife/husband from this time onward, to join with you and to share all that is to come, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond, and in all circumstances of our life together to be loyal to you with my whole life and with all my being until death parts us.

(4) I, _____, give you my hand this day. I open my mouth to declare before God, our ancestors, and this congregation, that I take you, _____, to be my wife/husband. I love you. In bitter days and in days of sweetness, in darkness and in light, in life and until death, I will walk in step with you. Your concerns will be my concerns. Your joys will be my joys. We will share our struggles, and we will share our triumphs. I will be with you all the days of my life. This is my vow. I have spoken.

(5) I, _____, take you, _____, to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.

(6) I, _____, take you, _____, for my lawful wife/husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

(7) I, _____, take you, _____, to be my wife/husband; and I promise, before God and these witnesses, to be your loving and faithful husband/wife; in plenty and in want; in joy and in sorrow; in sickness and in health; as long as we both shall live.

(8) In the presence of God and this community, I, _____, take you, _____, 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.

(9) In the Name of God, I, _____, take you, _____, to be my wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better and for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

(10) 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 [obey,] 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 worst of what is to come until death parts us.

(11) 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.

(12) _____, I take you to be my wife/husband from this time onward, to join with you and to share all that is to come, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond, and in all circumstances of our life together to be loyal to you with my whole life and with all my being until death parts us.

(13) _____, I promise to share with you the sweet things of life as well as the bitter, to love you and enjoy you, to respect and encourage you, to listen to you and promise to strive for a life of 11 courage, faithfulness, and dignity, and to seek understanding among all people, for as long as we both shall live. In all this, I ask God to help and guide us.

(14) _____, I want to live with you just as you are. I will be honest with you and forgive you... I love you for what you are to me and for what you are to others... I choose you above all others, and promise to be faithful to you as long as life endures.

(15) I take you, _____, to be my wife/husband. I promise before God and before this community to be faithful to you and to share all that is to come. In times of happiness I will share your joy and laughter. In times of sorrow, I will share your tears and pain. I will forgive as I have been forgiven. I will love as I have been loved. I will join with you so that together we may serve God and others as long as we both shall live.

OTHER VOWS CAN BE USED BUT MUST BE APPROVED BY PASTOR:

RING TEXTS

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

(2) _____, take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity.

(3) I give/take this ring as a sign of our covenant.

(4) This ring I give you, as a sign of our constant faith and abiding love.

(5) _____, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you.

(6) _____, I give you this ring, as a sign of the covenant we have made today.

(7) As this ring has no end, my love for you has no end. 12

(8) I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honor you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(9) _____, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow. With all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn numbers are from Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

Abide with Us, Our Savior	539
All People that on Earth Do Dwell	883
Beautiful Savior	838
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life.....	16
For the Beauty of the Earth.....	879
For the Fruit of All Creation	679
Give to Our God Immortal Praise!.....	848
Joy to the World.....	267
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee ...	836
Let All Things Now Living	881
O God, Our Help in Ages Past	632
Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices	833
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	858, 859
Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good.....	871
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise.....	310