

Order of Service

For the marriage of

XXXXX

&

XXXXX

DATE

TIME

AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE

XXXX

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*Rev'd Andrew Down welcomes the congregation using these words*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you.

**All** Amen

God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.  
(1 John 4:16)

**All** God of wonder and joy:  
grace comes from you,  
and you alone are the source of life and love,  
without you, we cannot please you;  
without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.  
Send your Holy Spirit,  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
that we may worship you now  
with thankful hearts  
and serve you always with willing minds;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

HYMN  
XXXXXX

*Rev'd Andrew Down addresses the congregation using words from The Preface*

THE DECLARATIONS

*Rev'd Andrew says to the congregation*

First, I am required by law to ask anyone present who knows a reason why these persons may not lawfully marry, to declare it now.

*Rev'd Andrew says to XXX and XXX*

The vows you are about to take are to be made in the presence of God, who is judge of all and knows all the secrets of our hearts; therefore if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.

*Rev'd Andrew says to XXX*

XXX, will you take XXX to be your wife?  
Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her,  
and, forsaking all others,  
be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

*XXX answers*

I will.

*Rev'd Andrew says to XXX*

XXX, will you take XXX to be your husband?  
Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him,  
and, forsaking all others,  
be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

*XXX answers*

I will

*Rev'd Andrew says to the congregation*

Will you, the families and friends of XXX and XXX,  
support and uphold them in their marriage  
now and in the years to come?

**All** We will

## THE COLLECT

God our Father,  
from the beginning  
you have blessed creation with abundant life.  
Pour out your blessings upon XXX and XXX,  
that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship,  
in holiness and commitment to each other.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All** Amen

## READINGS

### FIRST READING

XXX

### SECOND READING

XXX

## ADDRESS

*Rev'd Andrew addresses the congregation*

HYMN

XXX

## THE MARRIAGE

*XXX and XXX stand before Rev'd Andrew*

## THE GIVING AWAY

Who brings this woman to be married to this man?

*XXX dad XXX gives XXX right hand to Rev'd Andrew who puts it in XXX right hand.*

## THE VOWS

XXX and XXX, I now invite you to join hands and make your vows, in the presence of God and his people.

*XXX and XXX face each other. He takes her right hand in his as he says*

I, XXX, take you, XXX,  
to be my 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,  
till death us do part;  
according to God's holy law.  
In the presence of God I make this vow.

*They loose hands. XXX takes XXX right hand in hers as she says the vows*

I, XXX, take you, XXX,

to be my 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,  
till death us do part;  
according to God's holy law.  
In the presence of God I make this vow.

*They loose hands.*

## THE GIVING OF RINGS

*Rev'd Andrew receives the rings and says this prayer over them*

Heavenly Father, by your blessing  
let these rings be to XXX and XXX  
a symbol of unending love and faithfulness,  
to remind them of the vow and covenant  
which they have made this day  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All    Amen**

*XXX places the ring on the fourth finger of XXX left hand and says*

XXX, I give you this ring  
as a sign of our marriage.  
With my body I honour 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.

*XXXX places the ring on the fourth finger of XXX left hand*

XXX, I give you this ring

as a sign of our marriage.  
With my body I honour 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.

## THE PROCLAMATION

In the presence of God, and before this congregation,  
XXX and XXX have given their consent  
and made their marriage vows to each other.  
They have declared their marriage by the joining of hands  
and by the giving and receiving of rings.  
I therefore proclaim that they are husband and wife.

*Rev'd Andrew joins their right hands together and says*

Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

## THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

*XXX and XXX kneel and Rev'd Andrew asks God to bless their marriage.*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,  
for you have created joy and gladness,  
pleasure and delight, love, peace and friendship.  
Pour out the abundance of your blessing  
upon XXX and XXX in their new life together.  
Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts  
and a crown upon their heads.  
Bless them in their work and in their companionship;  
awake and asleep, In joy and in sorrow,  
in life and in death.  
Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that banquet  
where your saints feast forever in your heavenly home.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever  
**All    Amen**

*Rev'd Andrew then says to XXX and XXX*

God the Father,  
God the Son,  
God the Holy Spirit,  
bless, preserve and keep you;  
the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace,  
that you may please him both in body and soul,  
and, living together in faith and love,  
may receive the blessings of eternal life.  
**All    Amen**

*XXX and XXX walk up to the High Altar as the final hymn is sung.*

HYMN



XXXX

PRAYERS

Reader            Lord of life and love  
**All**                **Hear our prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All** Our Father, who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be 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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
Amen

THE SIGNING OF THE REGISTER  
XXXX

THE RECESSIONAL  
XXX

*Mr and Mrs XXX leave the church*