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## Wedding Ceremony \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The Alabaster House



House of Prayer  
Sevierville Tennessee

PREPROCESSIONAL (Music: \_\_\_\_\_)

PROCESSIONAL (Music: \_\_\_\_\_)

BRIDAL ENTRANCE (Music: \_\_\_\_\_)

Pastor: "Please stand"

### PRESENTATION

Pastor to Presenter: "Who gives this woman to be married to this man?"

Presenter: "I Do." ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

Pastor to Guests: "Thank you."

### WELCOME

Pastor to Gathering: "A wedding is the celebration of the miracle of love. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, today in the presence of God, we celebrate this miracle in your lives.

Here are some wonderful words that define the true meaning of love:

Love is patient and kind; Love is not jealous or boastful;  
Love is not arrogant or rude; Love does not insist on its own way;  
Love does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices with the right.  
Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.  
Love never fails.

### OPENING PRAYER *(all are standing)*

Pastor to Gathering: "Join us as we pray. Our Father, love has been your richest and greatest gift to the world through your son Jesus Christ. Love between a man and a woman which matures into marriage is one of your most beautiful types of love. Today we celebrate this love. Lord, may your blessing be on this wedding service. Protect, guide and bless \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in their marriage. Surround them and us with your love now and always, and let us all say Amen."

## CHALLENGE

Learning to love each other and to live together in harmony is one of the greatest challenges of marriage. Marriage is not to be entered into lightly, and we are to hold it in high honor at all times.

## CHARGE

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, I charge you both as you stand in the presence of God, to remember that love, trust, and loyalty are the foundation of a happy and enduring marriage. No vows are more sacred than those you are about to make. If these vows are kept unbroken, and as you endeavor to do the will of your Heavenly Father, your lives together will be full of joy and love.  
*(Bride hands off bouquet)*

## VOWS

Please join hands and look into each other's eyes.

\_\_\_\_\_, do you take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your wife, to live together in holy matrimony? To love, honor, and cherish her, to keep her in sickness and in health, for as long as you both shall live?

Groom: "I do."

\_\_\_\_\_, do you take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your husband, to live together in holy matrimony? To love, honor, and cherish him, to keep him in sickness and in health, for as long as you both shall live?

Bride: "I do"

## VOWS TRADITIONAL *(and don't forget personal vows are allowed too!)*

**Pastor to Groom:** " \_\_\_\_\_ please repeat after me:

**Groom:** I \_\_\_\_\_, // take you \_\_\_\_\_ // 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 // so long as we both shall live. //

**Pastor to Bride:** " \_\_\_\_\_ please, repeat after me:

**Bride:** I \_\_\_\_\_, // take you \_\_\_\_\_ // 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 // so long as we both shall live. //

## RING CEREMONY

May I have the rings please?

These rings are symbols of eternity and the unbroken circle of love. Love freely given has no beginning and no end. Today you have chosen to exchange rings, as a sign of your love for each other, and as a seal of the promises you have made this day. We ask that God bless these rings and this union of souls.

\_\_\_\_\_, as you place this precious ring on \_\_\_\_\_'s ring-finger repeat after me:

Just as this ring encircles your finger / so does my love encircle your heart / May this ring forever be a symbol / of my growing love for you / With this ring I thee wed. /

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*CEREMONY OPTIONS - Unity Candle / Sand Blending / Hand Blessing / ????*

### READING

#### ON LOVE

Nothing is sweeter than love,  
Nothing stronger,  
Nothing higher,  
Nothing wider,  
Nothing more pleasant,  
Nothing fuller or better in heaven or earth; for love is born of God.

Love flies, runs and leaps for joy.  
It is free and unrestrained.  
Love knows no limits, but ardently transcends all bounds...  
Love sees nothing as impossible,  
for it feels able to achieve all things....  
Love is not fickle and sentimental,  
nor is it intent on vanities.  
Like a living flame and a burning torch,  
it surges upward and surely surmounts every obstacle.

## CLOSING

As you continue on your journey together, I ask you to remember this advice:  
The key to love is understanding ...  
as it is the little things that say so much by themselves.

The key to love is forgiving ....  
to accept each others faults and pardon mistakes,

The key to love is sharing ...  
Sharing your good fortunes as well as bad, together.

The key to love is giving ...  
Giving without thought of return,  
but with the hope of just a simple smile,  
and by giving in but never giving up.

## CHALLENGE (Husband and Wife)

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, may your love never fade, may you never take each other for granted, and when you are old, may you be found, hand in hand, still thanking God for each other. Never forget to treat each other with tenderness, kindness, and respect, and remind yourselves often of what drew you together in the first place.

## PRONOUNCEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, you have consented together in holy matrimony before God, have pledged your vows to each other, and have exchanged rings as tokens of your love and commitment to each other. In accordance with the laws of the state of \_\_\_\_\_, and with the authority of God's Word, it is with great joy, I now pronounce you Husband and Wife.

## BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.

## THE KISS

\_\_\_\_\_, you may now kiss your Bride

## INTRODUCTION

I would like to introduce for the very first time, Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_!

## ANY ANNOUNCEMENT(S)