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

The Alabaster House



House of Prayer  
Sevierville Tennessee

PREPROCESSIONAL - Music: \_\_\_\_\_

PROCESSIONAL - Music: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: "Please Stand"

Bridal Entrance: - Music: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Presenter: "I do" or "Her mother and I do" or "your choice"

Pastor to Guests: "You may be seated?"

### WELCOME

**Pastor to Gathering:** Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, friends and family of the bride and groom, welcome!

We are gathered together on this day, in the presence of God, to witness and celebrate the marriage of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. We come together not to mark the start of a relationship, but to acknowledge and strengthen a bond that already exists. The ceremony is a public affirmation of that bond and as their dearest family and friends, it is our honor and privilege to stand witness to this event. The day is made possible not only because of your love for each other, but through the grace and support of your family and friends. It is our hope that your fulfillment and joy in each other will increase with each passing year. Marriage is a commitment in life, where two people can find and bring out the very best in each other. It offers opportunities for sharing and growth that no other human relationship can equal, a physical and emotional joining that has the promise of a lifetime.

## OPENING PRAYER

**Pastor to Gathering:** (Please Stand) Let us bow our heads in prayer. Lord, we thank you for gathering everyone here today from across the country and across the world. We ask that you help \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to remember the strong love that they share. To work that love into practical things so that nothing can divide them. May their love always inspire them to be kind in their words, considerate of the other's feelings, and concerned for the other's needs and wishes. Increase their faith and trust in You. Bless their marriage with peace and happiness and make their love fruitful for Your glory and their love, both here and in eternity. Amen.

While the commitment begins with the two of you, its effect radiates outward. It touches your family and friends and ultimately all of society. When this commitment is seriously made and continuously fulfilled, it leads to the richest and most rewarding of human relationships. Your relationship will take more than love. It will take trust, to know in your hearts that you want only the best for each other. Dedication, to stay open to one another, to learn and grow, even when it is difficult to do so. And faith, to go forward together without knowing what the future holds for you both. While love is our natural state of being, these other qualities are not as easy to come by. They are not a destination, but a journey. Marriage is a give and take between two personalities, a mingling of two endowments which diminishes neither, but enhances both.

## CHARGE

Seeing that no moment is without meaning, we ask that you take this marriage as a beginning of your lives together. Today signifies the creation of a new home and a new family for you both. May you be fulfilled by each other's love and friendship. May you be overjoyed by the promises you are about to make and the life together you will create. Remember that in every marriage, there are good times and bad, times of joy and times of sorrow. Marriage is a journey - a time of adventure and excitement enhanced by the love, trust, dedication and faith you share in one another.

*(Bride hands off bouquet)*

## VOWS

May the promises you make to one another today, be lived out to the end of your lives. Tomorrow can bring you the greatest joys, but today is the day it all begins.

\_\_\_\_\_, do you, with your family and friends as your witnesses, present yourself willingly and of your own accord to be joined in marriage? Will you promise to care for \_\_\_\_\_ in the joys and sorrows of life, come what may, and to share the responsibility for growth and enrichment of your lives together?

**Groom:** "I do"

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**Bride:** "I do"

## RING CEREMONY

**Pastor to Bride and Groom** (*ask for rings – hold up*): Having this love in your hearts, you have chosen to seal your vows by exchanging rings. May I have the ring(s) please?

**Pastor:** From the earliest times, the circle has been a sign of completeness. The rings that you have chosen to wear have neither beginning nor end, much like your love for one another. They are a symbol of the words that you speak today. May these rings be from this day forward, your most treasured adornment, and may the love they symbolize, be your most precious possession. As you wear these rings, may they be constant reminders of these glad promises you are making today. We ask God to bless these rings and this union of souls. Please receive your rings.

*(return the rings to the Bride and the Groom)*

**Pastor to Groom:** “ \_\_\_\_\_, please place this precious band on \_\_\_\_\_'s ring finger and repeat after me:”

**Groom:** With this ring // I thee wed.

**Pastor to Bride:** “ \_\_\_\_\_, please place this precious band on \_\_\_\_\_'s finger and repeat after me:”

**Bride:** // With this ring // I thee wed. //

**Pastor:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, from this moment forward you will never be alone. You will carry with you love of another person, giving you a completeness and renewed lightness. May your life together be immersed in love and excitement. May you strive to enrich each other in every possible way. And may you work to bring the peace you find to this world.

## DECLARATION of MARRIAGE

**Pastor:** Having pledged their fidelity to one another, to love, honor and cherish one another in the presence of this gathering, by the virtue of the power vested in me by God, and the given authority by the state of \_\_\_\_\_ it is my honor to now pronounce you husband and wife.

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace.

## THE KISS

**Pastor to Couple:** “ \_\_\_\_\_, you may now kiss your Bride!”

## INTRODUCTION

**Pastor to Gathering:** Friends and Family, it is my honor to introduce you to, Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_! or Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_! or Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_!

**RECESSIONAL** (*Bride and Groom Depart ~ followed by the Wedding Party*)

**Music:**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** (*for guests*)

**WEDDING PARTY**

**Bride:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Groom:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Matron of Honor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or Maid of Honor**

**Best Man:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bridesmaids:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Groomsmen:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ring Bearer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Flower Girl:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bridal Escort:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Photographer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Music:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WEDDING VENUE:**

**DATE:**

**MARRIAGE OFFICIANT:** **Pastor Terry R Price**

**MARRIAGE OFFICIANT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS ONE - :** \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS TWO - :** \_\_\_\_\_