

The Form of Solemnization of Matrimony

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On the day and time appointed for Solemnization of Matrimony, the Persons to be married shall come into the body of the Church, shall be ready in some proper house, with their friends and neighbours; and there standing together, the Man on the right hand, and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say:

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church: which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence and first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of Saint Paul to be honourable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

Unto the Persons who are to be married, he shall say:

I Require and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

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emand sufficient surety for his
ediment shall be alleged, or
shall say to the Man,*

Wilt thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The Man shall answer:

I will

the Woman,

Wilt thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honour, and keep him in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

I will.

Then shall the Minister say,
Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

Then shall they give their troth to each other in this manner.

*or friend's
the Woman
eth:*

I Groom, take thee Bride to my wedded 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 ordinance; and thereto I plight
thee my troth.

I Bride take thee Groom, to my wedded 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 ordinance; and thereto I give
thee my troth.

With this Ring I thee wed: In the Name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Bless, O Lord, this Ring, that he who gives it and she who wears it
may abide in thy peace, and continue in thy favour, unto their life's
end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray.

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Oh Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life; Send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy Name; that they, living faithfully together, may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, (whereof this Ring given and received is a token and pledge,) and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Oh Almighty God, Creator of mankind, who only art the wellspring of life; Bestow upon these thy servants, if it be thy will, the gift and heritage of children; and grant that they may see their children brought up in thy faith and fear, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Oh God, who hast so consecrated the state of Matrimony that in it is represented the spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and his Church; Look mercifully upon these thy servants, that they may love, honour, and cherish each other, and so live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put
asunder.

Forasmuch as Bride and Groom have consented together in holy
wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this
company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth, each to
the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a
Ring, and by joining hands; I pronounce that they are Man and
Wife, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Ghost. Amen.

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless,
preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favour look
upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that
ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye
may have life everlasting. Amen.

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