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For as much then as you , (GROOM) (_____) and you (BRIDE) (_____), have offered yourselves to each other, believing it is God's will that you become one flesh in the site of Almighty God until death do you part.

As a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and by the authority vested in US by the state of Texas, I now pronounce you husband and wife.

(PRAYER) (Unity candle)

What God has joined together, let no one put asunder.
YOU MAY NOW KISS YOUR BRIDE!

It is now our pleasure to introduce to you for the very first time **Mr. And Mrs. (_____) (_____)**

(Wedding march exit)

(Thank everyone for coming and all invited to reception)

Wedding Vows

Dearly beloved we are gathered here today together in the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses, to join _____ and _____ in the bonds of Holy Matrimony and A life long covenant between these two and Almighty God. (Explain releasing of dad as high priest to groom to become the new high priest over his daughter – can not be 2 heads – accountability to God for her.)
Marriage is an institution of Divine origin. God married the first couple ADAM & EVE in the garden. God created man and from the man called Adam he took the man's rib from his side to create the woman. That is why Adam said; she is now flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone. As Adam and Eve were created for each other so it is that (_____) and (_____) were created for each other to be partners for life.

Notice: that God did **NOT** take the bone from near mans head, which would symbolize that man might Lord over her, **Neither** did God take the bone from man's foot, which would symbolize that the wife was to be man's slave. **BUT**, God took the bone from near the very HEART of man, which symbolizes that man is to LOVE and CHERRISH his wife all of their days together as one flesh.

Marriage is symbolic of the love relationship that Christ has with his church. Christ is the bridegroom and the church is the bride. As Christ gave his life for the church so should you give of yourselves to each other with a self sacrificing everlasting love. Paul said, "It is good for a man to marry",

So (_____) and (_____), you may know that you are entering into a covenant relationship with each other and with God our Father. Holy Matrimony is commanded to be Honorable among all men and therefore NOT by any to be entered into lightly or unadvised. BUT is to be entered into Reverently, Discreetly and in the Fear of the Lord.

If you (_____) and (_____) have freely & discreetly chosen each other as partners for life believing it to be the will of God for both of your lives – will you **please now join your hands together.**

(GROOM) (_____), You are about to become the husband with all the privileges and responsibilities involved. **Eph.5:25** tells us “ **Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it.**” This is a great responsibility that you are taking this day pledging your LOVE and CARE for (_____) the rest of your life. God expects you to be the leader and provider for this family. May you be able to show by example and to be able to say to (_____), “**Follow me as I follow Christ**”. **Eph.5:** describes the truths that your lives together should bring honor and glory to Almighty God.

(BRIDE) (_____), This is the days of all days for a young lady. You are about to become the wife, the helpmate, the queen and mother of this new home, with all the privileges and responsibilities involved. **Eph.5:22 – 24** describes the truths that you are to be a helpmate to your husband, to follow him as he follows Christ. **Bringing honor and glory to Almighty God because of the lives you will share together before him and before others.**

As you both pledge here at this altar today before God to become the helpmates to each other, it is our prayer that God will grant you the best of His blessings today and all the days to come. Your lives together will be filled with happiness, prosperity and joy, If you keep Christ first in your lives and seek his will for the both of you together.

(GROOM) (_____), Will you have this woman (BRIDE) (_____) to be your lawful wedded wife and best friend, will you love her in sickness and in health, in poverty and in wealth, **FORSAKING** all others and keep the only unto her for as long as you both shall live? If so, publicly say I DO.

(BRIDE) (_____), Will you have this man (GROOM) (_____) to be your lawful wedded husband and best friend, will you love him in sickness and in health, in poverty and in wealth, **FORSAKING** all others and keep the only unto him for as long as you both shall live? If so, publicly say I DO.

DO YOU HAVE A TOKEN to seal this bond?
May I have the rings please?

These rings have a 3 fold significance for us on this sacred occasion.

#1. Pure gold: symbolic that your lives are to be kept pure before each other and Almighty God

#2. Forms a complete circle: symbolic that your are no longer TWO but ONE and that your love is to continue for ever and ever

#3. They glisten: symbolic that your lives are not be tarnished by sin, but that they are to grow brighter and brighter towards a more perfect day.

THESE ARE NOW YOUR VOWES TO EACH OTHER
Look at each other and repeat after me.

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