

## **THE ORDER FOR THE SERVICE OF MARRIAGE, Captiva Chapel by the Sea**

### **Prelude**

Seating of Family

Clergy and Groom/Groomsmen Enter

Bridal Attendants Process

Bride Processes

### **Greeting**

Friends, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the presence of these witnesses, to join together \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Christian marriage. The covenant of marriage was established by God and sanctified by Jesus Christ, as he graced a wedding at Cana of Galilee. It is therefore not to be entered into unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly, and in the love of God. Into this holy estate these two come now to be joined.

### **Charge to the Couple**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ I require and charge you both, as you stand in the presence of God, before whom the secrets of all hearts are disclosed, that, having duly considered the holy covenant you are about to make, you do now declare before these people your pledge of faith, each to the other.

### **Questions of Intention**

GROOM:

\_\_\_\_\_, will you have \_\_\_\_\_ to be your wife, to live together in holy marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others be faithful to her as you both shall live? I will.

BRIDE:

\_\_\_\_\_, will you have \_\_\_\_\_ to be your husband, to live together in holy marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, be faithful to him as you both shall live? I will.

### **Presentation of the Bride**

Who presents \_\_\_\_\_ to be married to \_\_\_\_\_?

I do/Her mother and I do . . . .

Solo

Scripture or other Reading

Homily

### **The Marriage Vows**

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, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

Or-

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my (wife/husband) from this time onward, to join with you and share all that is to come, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond, in all our life together and be loyal to you with my whole being, as long as we both shall live.

### **Giving of the Rings**

These rings are an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, signifying to us the union between Jesus Christ and His church, and signifying to all the uniting of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in holy marriage.

Bless, O Lord, the giving of these rings, that they who wear them may abide in your peace, and continue in your favor all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\_\_\_\_\_, I give you this ring as a sign of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

### **Declaration of Marriage**

You have declared your consent and your vows before God and this congregation. May God confirm your covenant and fill you both with grace. Now that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have given themselves to one another, and have declared the same by joining of hands and by the giving and receiving of rings; I pronounce that they are husband and wife together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Unity Candle/Solo

### **Wedding Prayer**

O eternal God, creator and author of all love, giver of all grace: pour your blessing upon \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, whom we bless in your name; that they may gladly and eagerly keep the vows and covenant between them made, and may always remain in perfect love and peace together. Grant that their love for each other may reflect the love of Christ for us, and that they may grow in grace and strength as they faithfully serve you in the world. Lead them into all peace, and let their love for one another be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle upon their shoulders, and a crown upon their heads. Bless them – in their work and in their companionship, in their waking and in their sleeping, in their joys and

in their sorrows, in their lives and in their deaths. Bless their home with gladness and laughter, with generosity and hospitality, that their love will extend to all those around them. Look graciously upon them, that they may love, honor, 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 a place of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray together:

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, forever. Amen.

### **Blessing and Kiss**

Introduced as M/M

### **Recessional**

Bulleted italics INDICATE OPTIONS REGARDING MUSIC OR PARTS OF SERVICE.

“homily” WOULD TRANSITION FROM SCRIPTURE TO WEDDING VOWS, OR ABSENT ANY SCRIPTURE COULD SPEAK TO FAMILY, MEANING OF MARRIAGE, ETC.; TOTALLY OPTIONAL.

Suggestions for Wedding Scripture:

GENESIS 1:26-28, 31A CREATION OF MAN AND WOMAN

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:10-14, 16A; 8:6-7 LOVE IS STRONG AS DEATH

ISAIAH 43:1-7 YOU ARE PRECIOUS IN GOD’S EYES

ROMANS 12:9-18 THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN

EPHESIANS 2:4-10 GOD’S LOVE FOR US

EPHESIANS 4:25-5:2 MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17 LIVE IN LOVE AND THANKSGIVING

I JOHN 3:18-24 LOVE ONE ANOTHER

I JOHN 4:7-16 GOD IS LOVE

MATTHEW 5:1-10 THE BEATITUDES

MATTHEW 22:35-40 LOVE, THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT